

Permitting...

...Doing it right is a national program priority

Performance Measure: 100% of permits are handled timely and correctly.

...And it's required by NOAA

NOAA Administrative Order 216-6

...And it's in the Proposed GFNMS Management Plan

...conduct prohibited activities within the sanctuary, in such a way as to have only negligible, short term adverse effects on sanctuary resources. (RP-5, XNRP-1)



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Types of Permits

Research



Education



Salvage



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Proposed Permit Regulations

1. Establish the Manager's Permit consistent with other Sanctuaries

2. Establish Review Guidance

Must consider any proposed activity in terms of duration, effects on Sanctuary resources and qualities, potential indirect, secondary, or cumulative effects, and whether it is necessary to conduct in the Sanctuary.



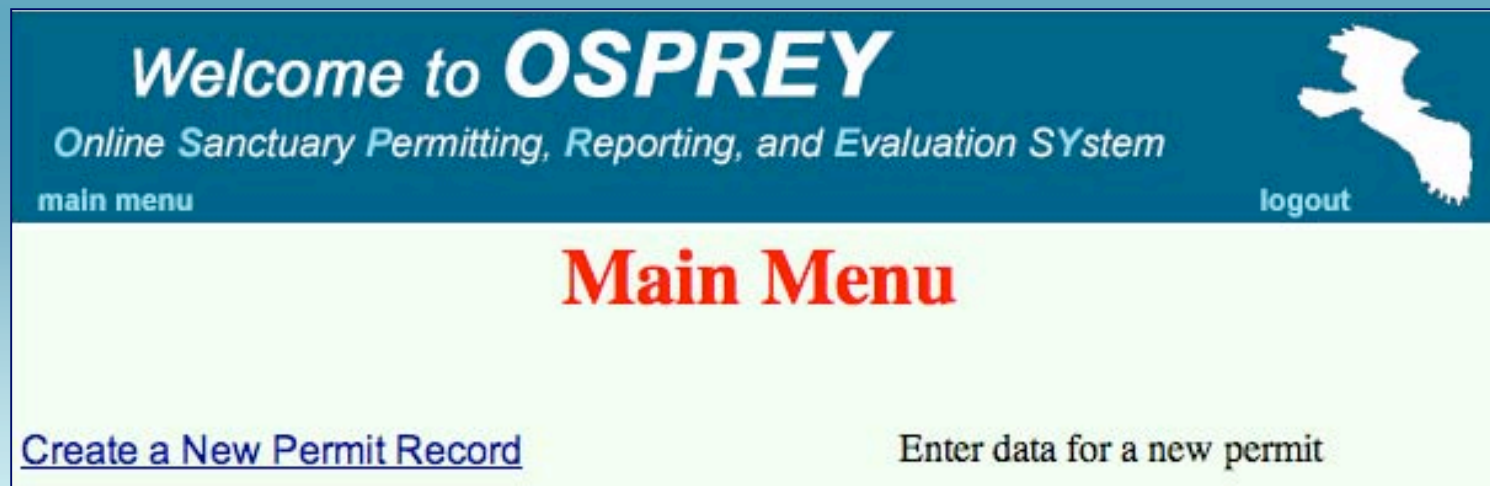
Permit Evaluation

Reviewing the Application and determining Permit Class

Class A – minor and/or short-term impacts

Class B – potentially moderate, short to medium-term impacts

Class C – potentially moderate, medium to long-term impacts



The screenshot shows the main menu of the OSPREY system. At the top, it says "Welcome to OSPREY" in white text on a dark blue background. Below that, it says "Online Sanctuary Permitting, Reporting, and Evaluation SYSTEM" in a smaller white font. On the right side, there is a white silhouette of a bird in flight. Below the main header, there are two links: "main menu" on the left and "logout" on the right. The main menu area is a light yellow background with the text "Main Menu" in large red font. Below this, there are two options: "Create a New Permit Record" (underlined) and "Enter data for a new permit".



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Environmental Impacts



There must be a NEPA analysis on all permits, which includes a description of activity impacts: direct, indirect and cumulative.

Type of NEPA documents: Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment Environmental Impact Statement



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Permit Evaluation

Reviewing Thresholds

1. Must describe how the activity meets impacts thresholds

2. Need to address the following issues

- Regulatory Review Criteria
- Activity needs to be in NMS
- Appropriateness of methods
- Extent activity will diminish or enhance value of NMS
- Impacts on adjacent Indian tribes
- Other matters deemed appropriate
- Professional and financial responsibility



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Statutory Requirements



Must Conduct Interagency Consultation and Review

1. Determine Federal Consistency - Coastal Commission
2. Determine impacts to Essential Fish Habitat - National Marine Fisheries Service
3. Determine impacts to marine mammals - National Marine Fisheries Service
4. Determine impacts to endangered species - Several Agencies
5. Determine impacts to historic resources - Several Agencies
6. Other



Permit Conditions

General Conditions

Must use conditions that are applied to all permits nationally



Permit Conditions

Special Conditions

*Must Include
“Standard Conditions”
for different types of
permits.*



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Permit Tracking

Tracking All Actions

- 1. Reports must be submitted to the Sanctuary*
 - Summary of Results from the permitted activity.*
 - Must submit publications and/or reports resulting from activities conducted under the permit.*
- 2. Must Track Communications*

