

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District**  
**2017 Nationwide Permit (NWP) Reissuance Process Proposed Schedule**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Proposed Timeframe</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Seattle District (District) initiates coordination with Tribes, State, and Federal agencies on NWP reissuance process. Request initial comments on current regional conditions prior to Special Public Notice in June 2016	November 2015 through May 2016	
HQ publishes Notice of Proposed NWPs in Federal Register (60 day comment period)	June 1, 2016	Comment period ends August 1, 2016
District issues Special Public Notice with draft regional conditions (60 day comment period)	June 20, 2016	Comment period ends August 19, 2016
EPA-led informational Webinar on 2017 NWP reauthorization process, regional conditions and 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) process to Tribes in Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, WA)	June 21, 2016	Webinar for Tribes with and w/o 401 WQC authority. Opportunity for early Tribal input on EPA 401 WQC decisions.
District coordinates with Department of Ecology (Ecology), EPA, and Tribes with 401 WQC on draft regional conditions so 401 and Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) decisions can be made after HQ finalizes NWPs	Spring/Summer 2016	
District sends letter request to Ecology, EPA, and designated Tribes to begin review and approval process for 401 WQC determinations and for Ecology to make CZMA determinations	June 2016	
District reviews public comments on regional conditions and makes modifications to conditions if warranted	June-Sept. 2016	
District meets with agencies and interested Tribes to discuss comments and any potential changes to regional conditions	September 2016	
District coordinates draft regional conditions with Regulatory Branch Chief and District Engineer	September 2016	
District coordinates draft regional conditions with Division	Fall 2016	
EPA sends consultation offer letter to Tribes in Region 10 on EPA's draft 401 WQC decisions on NWPs with District's regional conditions	Early Fall 2016	
Ecology, EPA, and designated Tribes issue public notice requesting comments regarding 401 WQC and CZMA	Early Fall 2016	
HQ publishes final NWPs in Federal Register	December 19, 2016	
District's final coordination with tribes and agencies on regional conditions	December 2016	
Ecology, EPA, and designated Tribes issue 401 WQC decisions and Ecology issues CZMA determination	February 17, 2017	
District submits decision documents, final draft regional conditions, and CZMA and 401 conditions to Division for approval	February 17, 2017	
District publishes final Special Public Notice of NWPs and regional conditions; new NWPs go into effect	March 19, 2017	

Date: 11 July 2016

Note: This schedule is meant to give Tribes and agencies a better understanding of the general procedures and timeframes for the reissuance process. Dates may be modified.