



# ECY WQ General Permits

## Activities & Planned Actions for 2022

### Water Quality Program General Permits

The months below are approximate. We will update the Water Quality Partnership on our progress in the coming months. Visit the [Water quality permits web page](#) for more information.

### Important Ongoing Activity Updates

#### **Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit Issuance**

The new PSNGP was effective on January 1, 2022. This new permit applies to publicly owned treatment plants discharging to the Puget Sound. Permittees will still maintain their individual permit coverage. For questions regarding this permit, please contact Adrien Carroll-Perkins at [Adrien.Carroll-Perkins@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Adrien.Carroll-Perkins@ecy.wa.gov)

#### **Municipal Stormwater Phase I & II General Permits**

The permits expire at the end of July 2024. The Muni Phase I & II General Permits accepted informal early comments until February 25, 2022. The team is reviewing the early input and the ideas will help inform the scope of significant issues the permit writers will address in the drafting of the 2024 permits.

Informal listening sessions are anticipated in Spring 2022, and we anticipate that a formal public comment period on the draft permit will occur in late Summer/ Fall of 2023. For questions regarding this permit, please contact Abbey Stockwell at [Abbey.Stockwell@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Abbey.Stockwell@ecy.wa.gov).

### Planned Actions for 2022

#### **Boatyard General Permit**

The permit expired in July 2021. The study of the copper benchmark to address stakeholder comments from the public comment period is still in progress, but nearing a conclusion. We will evaluate the information and consider changes to the benchmark in the final permit that may differ from both the draft released in 2021, and the previous permit issued in July of 2016. A permit reissuance decision is anticipated in spring of 2022. For questions regarding this permit, please contact James Hovis at [James.Hovis@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:James.Hovis@ecy.wa.gov).

#### **Irrigation System Aquatic Weed Control (ISAWC) General Permit**

This permit expired in 2017. Our colleagues are still working on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We anticipate a draft permit and the EIS will go out for review during a public comment period with hearings in mid-Summer. For questions about this permit, please contact Danielle Edelman at [Danielle.Edelman@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Danielle.Edelman@ecy.wa.gov).

## Planned Actions for 2022, Continued

### **Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation General Permits**

The Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit expired on March 2, 2022. The permit [was remanded in June 2021 by the Washington State Court of Appeals](#). As a result, we conducted additional listening sessions in the fall focused on the court's decisions, which required significant changes to the permit. The permit writer is also going through the SEPA process. The formal public comment period and hearings on the new draft permit are anticipated for late spring 2022. We anticipate making a CAFO permit reissuance decision by the end of 2022 before the rainy season. For questions regarding this permit, please contact Chelsea Morris at [Chelsea.Morris@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Chelsea.Morris@ecy.wa.gov).

### **Bridge & Ferry Terminal Washing Permit**

The permit expires on July 31, 2022. The current formal public comment period started on February 16, and concludes on April 1, 2022. The workshop and hearing is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>. For questions about this permit, please contact Foroozan Labib at [Foroozan.Labib@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Foroozan.Labib@ecy.wa.gov).

### **Combined State Natural Resource Agency Aquatic Pesticides Permit**

The three permits that will make up this combined permit have expired: Fisheries Resource Management (WDFW), Aquatic Invasive Species (WDFW), and Gypsy Moth (WSDA). We aim to conduct listening sessions in Spring 2022 with a public comment period in Summer of 2022. If the schedule goes to plan, we anticipate making a permit decision in early 2023. If you should have any questions regarding this permit, please reach out to Shawn Ultican at [Shawn.Ultican@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Shawn.Ultican@ecy.wa.gov).