



# ECY WQ General Permits

## Activities & Planned Actions: Remainder of 2022/Early 2023

### Water Quality Program General Permits DRAFT

The months and seasons below are approximate. We will update the Water Quality Partnership on our progress in the coming months. Visit the [Water quality permits web pages](#)<sup>1</sup> for more information.

#### Planned Actions for 2022 and Early 2023

##### Boatyard General Permit

The permit expired in July 2021. Our analysis of the copper benchmark was completed, we had a public comment period, and the issuance date was July 20, 2022 and the effective date was September 1, 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 late fall/early winter. We anticipate issuing the permit early 2023 before the next treatment season. For questions about this permit, please contact Danielle Edelman at [Danielle.Edelman@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Danielle.Edelman@ecy.wa.gov).

##### 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](#). This summer we held workshops and hearings on the new draft and the SEPA Checklist, and the formal public comment period ended in August. We anticipate making a CAFO permit reissuance decision at the end of 2022. For questions regarding this permit, please contact Chelsea Morris at [Chelsea.Morris@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Chelsea.Morris@ecy.wa.gov).

##### Aquatic & Invasive Species Control General 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 a public comment period in late fall/early winter of 2022. If the schedule goes to plan, we anticipate making a permit decision in early 2023. If you have any questions regarding this permit, please reach out to Shawn Ultican at [Shawn.Ultican@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Shawn.Ultican@ecy.wa.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-quality-permits/Water-Quality-general-permits>