



ECY WQ General Permits

Activities in 2021 & Planned Actions for 2022

Water Quality Program General Permits

Q4 2021 and looking forward to early 2022

The months below are approximate. We will update the Water Quality Partnership on our progress in the coming months.

Important Activity Updates

Upland Fin Fish Hatching and Rearing General Permit

This permit was effective on October 1, 2021. For questions about this permit, please contact Laurie Niewolney at Laurie.Niewolney@ecy.wa.gov.

Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit

The permit went through a planned modification and was modified on October 20, 2021. Phase I municipalities are required to adopt a stormwater program that requires equal or greater protection of receiving waters and pollutant control as compared to the 2019 Stormwater Management Manual of Western Washington. The modification incorporates Ecology's determination of equivalency for the stormwater programs listed in Appendix 10 of the permit. For questions regarding this permit, please contact Emma Trehwitt at Emma.Trehwitt@ecy.wa.gov.

Fresh Fruit Packing General Permit

This permit expired on August 31, 2021 and was extended through December 31, 2021. The current permit is effective January 1, 2022 to align with permittee reporting. For questions regarding this permit, please contact Marcia Porter at Marcia.Porter@ecy.wa.gov.

Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit Issuance

On December 1st the new PSNGP was issued and becomes 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 Ellie Ott at Eleanor.Ott@ecy.wa.gov

Planned Actions for Early 2022

Boatyard General Permit

The draft permit went out for public comment. We are studying the copper benchmark to address stakeholder comments from the public comment period. We have delayed the anticipated summer 2021 reissuance to potentially make changes to the benchmark between the draft and the final. 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.

Irrigation System Aquatic Weed Control (ISAWC) General Permit

This permit expired in 2017. We anticipate a draft permit and EIS will go out for review during a public comment period with a hearing in late January/Early February. For questions about this permit, please contact Danielle Edelman at Danielle.Edelman@ecy.wa.gov.

Planned Actions for Early 2022, Continued

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation General Permits

The Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit expires in March of 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 permit reissuance process will reprise the formal public comment period on the new draft permit, along with formal public meetings and hearings 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.

Municipal Stormwater General Permit

The permit expires at the end of July 2024. The Muni team is seeking early input from permittees that concludes at the end of February. Next steps include informal listening sessions and a formal comment period on the draft permit scheduled for the end of Q1/early Q2. For questions regarding this permit, please contact Abbey Stockwell at Abbey.Stockwell@ecy.wa.gov.

Bridge & Ferry Terminal Washing Permit

The permit expires on July 31, 2022. We are currently seeking preliminary input from WSDOT and will conduct the formal public comment period on the draft in February. For questions about this permit, please contact Foroozan Labib at Foroozan.Labib@ecy.wa.gov.