



ORDERING HABITATS AND SPECIES INFORMATION FROM THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) maintains a number of databases that contain information about the locations of important fish and wildlife species that should be considered in land use decisions and activities. Use of this information in the earliest planning stages can help minimize project conflicts and delays due to fish and wildlife issues. Wise land use activities can assist in preventing fish and wildlife species from becoming listed as endangered and threatened or can help recover those that are already listed.

WDFW provides standard products that answer the most common questions concerning the presence of important fish, wildlife, and habitats. Below are instructions for ordering information and brief descriptions of standard products and costs. Contact WDFW at (360) 902-2543 with questions.

INSTRUCTIONS

Send a completed fish and wildlife order form and/or a detailed letter requesting habitats and species information to:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Priority Habitats and Species, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091 or fax to (360) 902-2946.

The letter (if sent without an order form) should contain the following information:

- ⇒ Name, address, and phone number;

- ⇒ Project name/number;
- ⇒ Brief description of project and parties involved;
- ⇒ Project location of request area by section, township, and range;
- ⇒ Project vicinity map; and
- ⇒ Standard map or digital data product requested.

Please do not include payment; you will receive an invoice with your package of information and instructions for submitting payment. *Sorry, we do not accept payments by credit card.*

The time it takes to fill information requests varies between one and eight weeks. If response time is a concern, make note of it in the "Special Requests" section of the order form; WDFW will try, but cannot guarantee, to meet your deadline.

STANDARD MAP PRODUCTS

1. Detailed 1:24,000 Scale Habitats and Species Map (including report): Contains detailed information on known locations of important fish, wildlife, and habitats. Map includes state endangered, threatened, sensitive and candidate species; spotted owl site centers and management circles; marbled murrelet detection locations; presence of priority fish species; priority species and priority habitats including the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI).

2. Bald Eagle Buffer Map: Contains information that is intended to help with determining if a Bald Eagle Management Plan (BEMP) is needed for a project. A BEMP is a habitat protection agreement between Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and a landowner ensuring minimal impact on bald eagles and reasonable land use for the owner. For additional information and frequently asked questions about bald eagles visit the following WDFW web site at:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/diversty/oc/baldeagle/>

3. Marine Resource Map: Contains information concerning forage fish surveys, marine fish and shellfish resources in the coastal and inland marine waters of Washington. Set of up to three maps include generalized documented occurrence of forage fish, marine fish and shellfish areas.

STANDARD DIGITAL DATA PRODUCTS

Digital data are managed using ESRI® geographic information system software and provided in either ArcGIS 9.2 Personal Geodatabase, Geographic Markup Language (GML) or ESRI® shape file. Metadata documentation is included with the data.

4. Priority Habitats and Species Polygon, Wildlife Survey Data Management Point/Polygon (includes Marbled Murrelet points), Spotted Owl and Bald Eagle Buffer Management Zone Databases: This includes wildlife and habitat area and site information, marbled murrelet detection locations, spotted owl site centers/buffers and bald eagle buffer zones at a scale of 1:24,000 (displayed on maps 1 and 2). These databases are updated on a regular basis, as new information become available.
5. Washington Lakes and Rivers Information System (WLRIS) Fish Distribution Database: This includes priority fish distribution, at a scale of 1:24,000 (displayed on map 1). Information on selected fish species are updated on a regular basis.
6. Forage Fish Survey, Marine and Shellfish Resources, Seabird Colonies and Seal/Sea Lion Haulout Databases: This includes documented occurrences of smelt and sand lance, marine fish, shellfish areas, locations of breeding seabirds and seal/sea lion haulout sites in Washington waters (displayed on map 3). These databases are rarely updated.

PUBLICATIONS

A list of publications concerning the agency's priority habitats and species is available on WDFW's web site at:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/phsrecs.htm>

If you are unable to download a publication or the one you want is unavailable on our web site, limited printed copies may be available by calling (360) 902-2543.

COSTS

A \$40 fee is charged for all requests to recover data publication costs. Additionally, an incremental amount above this fee is charged for materials (media). You will receive an invoice itemizing the costs for your request and instructions for submitting payment. *Sorry, we do not accept payments by credit card.*

Media For Standard Map Products:
Detailed 1:24,000 Scale Habitat and Species map:
 small (11" x 17") map \$ 5.00 each
 large (2' x 3') map \$ 12.00 each

Bald Eagle Buffer map:
 small (11" x 17") map \$ 5.00 each

Marine Resource map (up to three):
 Small (11" x 17") map \$ 5.00 each

Media for Standard Digital Data Products:
 All digital data requests will be provided on compact disk (CD) at the following rates:

Digital Data \$10.00 each

If you would like WDFW to transfer the digital data to your site via ftp, please provide your ftp address, password, login, and a directory path. **This option is only available for data that does not contain sensitive information.**

SENSITIVE WILDLIFE INFORMATION

Information on specific locations of some fish and wildlife species is considered sensitive, and access to that information is restricted by WDFW policy. If your request covers an area more than 36 square miles (one Township) or if you are **not** one of the following parties: Government agency; Tribe; Researcher affiliated with an accredited college or university; Private landowner (or other parties with permission from the landowner) for their own lands; or Agents of the above parties (e.g., consultants, realtors etc.) then contact WDFW at (360) 902-2543.

WDFW periodically updates the Priority Habitat and Species List, mapped and digital data, and management recommendations as additional information becomes available. Because fish and wildlife species are mobile and because habitats and species information changes, project reviews for fish and wildlife should not rest solely on mapped information. Instead, they should also consider new information gathered from current field investigations. Remember, habitat and species information can only show that a species or habitat type is present; they cannot show that a species or habitat type is not present. For questions about how the information you receive may apply to a specific project or site, contact the WDFW Regional Office for your region at:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/regions/index.html>

Visit our web site at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/phspage.htm>

For information on state listed plants contact the Washington Department of Natural Resources at http://dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/NaturalHeritage/Pages/amp_nh.aspx



FISH AND WILDLIFE ORDER FORM

HABITATS AND SPECIES INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete this order form to request maps and/or digital data on locations of species and habitats. For descriptions of standard products and prices see the *Ordering Habitats and Species Information* sheet which accompanies this form or visit our web site at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/release.htm>. **Mail completed form to: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Priority Habitats and Species, 600 Capitol Way N., Olympia WA 98501-1091 or fax to (360) 902-2946.** You will receive an invoice itemizing the costs for your request and instructions for submitting payment. *Sorry, we do not accept payments by credit card.* For questions call (360) 902-2543. For information on state listed plants contact the Washington Department of Natural Resources at: http://dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/NaturalHeritage/Pages/amp_nh.aspx.

Name: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Request: _____

Does your agency/organization have a Release Agreement, which includes you as a contact, on file with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the confidentiality of sensitive information? Yes No Don't Know

Identify yourself as one of the following:

- Owner of land covered by this request
- Tribe
- Utility
- Conservation organization
- Government Agency
- Consultant representing (please circle one:) Landowner Tribe Utility Conservation organization Government Agency

If Government Agency or representative please specify agency name and type (Federal, State etc..) _____

Researcher with a university Other (please specify) _____

REQUESTER READ AND SIGN

By receiving fish and wildlife information from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), you incur an obligation to use it in a way that does not cause undue harm to our public fish and wildlife resources.

All fish and wildlife species are vulnerable to harm from human activities. Harm can occur directly (e.g., an animal is harassed or injured) or indirectly (e.g., a nest tree is felled or a wetland is drained). Harm can occur unintentionally, even by those who value the fish and wildlife resources (e.g., repeated visits to a heron rookery which flushes birds from the nest and exposes eggs to cold weather and predators). The most serious threats to fish and wildlife, rather than being direct and malicious acts, are indirect human actions where harm to fish and wildlife was unintentional.

The Washington State constitution confers fish and wildlife ownership to all citizens of the state. WDFW is mandated to safeguard this ownership by preserving, protecting and perpetuating fish and wildlife resources. The public has a crucial role in fulfilling this mandate, for two reasons. First, the statewide distribution of fish and wildlife species and habitat is beyond the monitoring capability of any single agency. Second, the state's constitution gives to the people ownership of fish and wildlife but not of the habitat on which fish and wildlife's survival ultimately depends. Property owners are also habitat owners and their collective actions have a profound effect on the state's fish and wildlife.

WDFW provides information on the location of many of Washington's most sensitive and vulnerable fish and wildlife resources. Use of this information must be commensurate with the vulnerability of fish and wildlife resources and with the conditions outlined in WDFW Releasing Sensitive Fish and Wildlife Information Policy 5210.

Fish and wildlife species are protected through specific legislation. Regulations most applicable to users of WDFW information include RCW 77.16.120 (taking of protected fish and wildlife), WAC 232-12-292 (Bald Eagle protection rules), WAC 232-12-064 (live fish and wildlife) and RCW 42.56.430 (exempting of sensitive fish and wildlife information from public inspection and copying).

I have read and understand the information above and certify that this form is filled out accurately and completely to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I will receive an invoice itemizing the costs for this request and instructions for submitting payment.

REQUESTER'S SIGNATURE X _____

Project Name/Number: _____

Project Description/Use of Requested Information: _____



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Project Location of Request - [For your project please specify the area by section, township, and range and include a project vicinity map]: List here or attach listing. Alternatively you may e-mail a copy of this order form, project vicinity map and if available a GIS layer of your project site to us at phsproducts@dfw.wa.gov.

Special Requests: _____

STANDARD PRODUCTS

Indicate desired products by checking appropriate blank box:

(For descriptions of standard products and prices see the *Ordering Habitats and Species Information* sheet which accompanies this form or visit our web site at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/release.htm>. For questions about how the information you receive may apply to a specific project or site, contact the WDFW Regional Office for your region at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/regions/index.html>)

MAP PRODUCTS

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| 1. | Detailed 1:24,000 Scale Habitats and Species Map (Displays information on known locations of important fish, wildlife, and habitats; reports with detailed information and definitions accompanies this map.) | |
| 2. | Bald Eagle Buffer Map (Shows nest and roost sites with buffer zones for determining a habitat protection agreement between WDFW and a landowner.) | |
| 3. | Marine Resource Map (A set of up to three maps includes generalized documented occurrences of forage fish surveys, marine fish, and shellfish areas.) | |

DIGITAL DATA PRODUCTS

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| 4. | Priority Habitats and Species Polygon, Wildlife Survey Data Management Point/Polygon (includes Marbled Murrelet points), Spotted Owl Point, and Bald Eagle Buffer Management Zone Databases (Information in these databases are updated regularly.) | |
| 5. | Washington Lakes and Rivers Information System (WLRIS) Fish Distribution Database (Selected fish species information are updated on a regular basis.) | |
| 6. | Forage Fish Survey, Marine and Shellfish Resources, Seabird Colonies and Seal/Sea Lion Haulout Databases (Forage Fish Survey information is updated 1-2 times a year, information from the other databases are rarely updated.) | |

Standard Map Options (check relevant options)

Provide map(s) on paper

Standard Digital Data Options

Digital data is for use with Geographic Information Software (GIS); it is not an image of a map but the data used to generate one if you have the appropriate GIS software.

Available Formats: **(please check one)**

All digital data formats provided in State Plane South NAD 1983 (1991 adjustment) on Compact Disk (CD). Detailed documentation are available in formal metadata maintained and distributed with each of the datasets.

- ArcGIS 9.2 Personal Geodatabase
 Geographic Markup Language (GML)
 ESRI Shape File