MARINE HYDRAULIC PROJECT SITE VISIT GUIDANCE - JULY 2019

This guidance, prepared by WDFW, describes an approach to ensure hydraulic projects comply with applicable regulations in WAC 220-660. Habitat Biologists should consult with their supervisor before deviating from this guidance.

Project Type	Activity	Pre-Permit Issuance Site Visit	Comments
Bulkhead/Rockwall	New	Required	Needed to establish or confirm measurements from benchmarks.
	Replacement	Recommended	Assumes permanent benchmarks are clearly shown on plans. ¹
	Maintenance ²	Project Dependent	
Soft-Shore Protection	New	Required	Needed to establish or confirm measurements from benchmarks.
	Replacement	Required	Needed to establish or confirm measurements from benchmarks.
	Maintenance	Project Dependent	
Pier, Ramp and Float	New	Site Dependent	Requires a SAV survey. ³
	Replacement	Site Dependent	Requires a SAV survey of area outside of the current footprint.
	Maintenance	Project Dependent	
Dock ⁴	Replacement	Recommended	Confirm existing centerline.
	Maintenance	Project Dependent	
Mooring Buoy	New	Not Applicable	Requires a SAV survey if a surface-style anchor is proposed.
	Replacement	Not Applicable	Requires a SAV survey if a surface-style anchor is proposed.
	Maintenance	Not Applicable	No SAV survey required.
Boat Ramps and Launches	New	Required	Needed to establish or confirm approved location. May require a SAV survey. ⁵
	Replacement	Required	Needed to establish or confirm approved location. Requires a SAV survey in the subtidal zone outside of current footprint.
	Maintenance	Project Dependent	
Dredging ⁶	New	Not Applicable	Requires a SAV survey in the photic zone.
Dredging	Maintenance	Not Applicable	Requires a SAV survey in the photic zone outside the original dredge footprint.

¹ It's recommended that the HB confirm measurements from the permanent benchmarks shown on the plans if the applicant is unknown or inexperienced.

² Maintenance means repairing, remodeling, or making minor alterations to a facility or project to keep the facility or project in properly functioning and safe condition WAC 220-660-030(86).

³ A SAV (submerged aquatic vegetation) survey should comply with WAC 220-660-360. The survey can be conducted by a diver/biologist. A HB may conduct the SAV without diving provided they can observe the project location at low tide.

⁴ Docks are structures that are fixed to the shoreline and floating upon the water. New docks aren't authorized in marine waters (WAC 220-660-380(3)(a) and WAC 220-660-380(9)).

 $^{^{\}rm 5}$ A SAV survey is required if the HB cannot observe the entire project site at low tide.

⁶ This refers to dredging authorized under WAC 220-660-410.

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Outfalls	New	Required	Needed to establish or confirm approved intertidal location.
			Requires a SAV survey in the subtidal zone.
	Replacement	Recommended	
	Maintenance	Project Dependent	
Tide and Flood Gates	New	Required	Needed to establish or confirm approved intertidal location.
Tide and Flood Gates	Replacement	Recommended	
	Maintenance	Project Dependent	
Utility Crossings	New	Site Dependent	Needed to stablish or confirm approved intertidal location.
			Requires a SAV survey in the subtidal zone
	Replacement	Site Dependent	Needed to establish or confirm approved for intertidal location.
			Requires a SAV survey in the subtidal outside current footprint
	Maintenance	Project Dependent	
Test Boring	All	Not Applicable	May require a SAV survey ⁷

⁷ This is dependent on the scale and water depth (photic zone) of the proposed boring.