

**Habitat Recovery Pilot Program (HRPP) permit list**  
*Local, state, and federal reviews identified for HRPP projects*

See also: [RCW 77.55.480](#)  
 Office for Regulatory Innovation & Assistance (ORIA) [permitting information webpage](#)

**Note:** “Not Needed” in the table below means that a qualifying HRPP project is exempt from having to acquire that specific permit/approval per RCW 77.55.480. Most state and local permits are not needed under HRPP. **However, permits/approval required for participation in a federal program are still needed, per statute. State law that created the HRPP has no direct effect on federal law or regulatory jurisdiction.**

Permit Type	Needed under HRPP?	Notes
<b>Local</b>		
Archeology and historical/cultural resources review	Needed	Review coordinated with funding agency, DAHP, and affected tribes. May involve site surveys conducted prior to program application.
Building permit	Not Needed, or Not Applicable	Construction that requires building permits is generally not considered habitat restoration.
Critical Areas Ordinance review	Not Needed	
Demolition permit	Not Needed	Review of public safety and human health referenced in RCW 77.55.480(2)(b).
Floodplain permit	Needed, if in Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)	Applicant should consult with local government to determine whether the project is in SFHA. <b>Begin coordination early.</b>
Grading/clearing/development permit	Not Needed*	*Needed with Clean Water Act nexus. See below.
Local stormwater management permit	Not Needed*	*Needed with Clean Water Act nexus. See below.
SEPA review – threshold determination	Not Needed	Exempt from State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).
Shoreline Master Program permit (Substantial Development Permit or SDP exemption)	Not Needed*	*Needed for projects requiring CZM Federal Consistency Determination, when compliance with Shoreline Management Act must be demonstrated.

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<b>State</b>		
401 Water Quality Certification (Ecology)	Needed, if project requires a USACE permit	<a href="#">401 Water Quality Certification website (Ecology)</a>
Aquatic Lands Use Authorization (DNR) – lease, easement, or right-of-entry (license)	Needed, if on state-owned aquatic land	<a href="#">Leasing and Land Transactions website (DNR)</a> <i>Aquatic Lands Use Authorization is a proprietary agreement/contract, not a regulatory permit.</i>
Archaeology and historical/cultural resources review (DAHP)	Needed	Cultural resources review coordinated with funding agency, DAHP, and affected federally recognized tribes.
Construction Stormwater General Permit (Ecology)	Needed, if project is disturbing >1 acre (Clean Water Act nexus)	<a href="#">Construction Stormwater General Permit website (Ecology)</a>
CZM Federal Consistency Determination (Ecology)	Needed, if project requires a USACE permit <u>and</u> is in one of the 15 coastal counties	<a href="#">Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Review website (Ecology)</a>
Forest Practices Application (DNR)	Not Applicable	HRPP restoration projects are not expected to include Forest Practices.
Hydraulic Project Approval (WDFW)	Needed	The HPA is the only state or local permit required for qualifying HRPP projects, <b>except where required for participation in a federal program.</b>
Shoreline Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Variance permits (Ecology)	Not Needed	
<b>Federal</b>		
USACE permits	Needed, if project is in federal jurisdiction	<a href="#">USACE Seattle District regulatory website</a>
ESA consultation with USFWS and NOAA NMFS	Needed, if project is in federal jurisdiction	Initiated by USACE
Culture resources review - Section 106	Needed, if project is in federal jurisdiction	Initiated by USACE

DAHP = Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation; DNR = Dept. of Natural Resources; WDFW = Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife; HPA = Hydraulic Project Approval; CZM = Coastal Zone Management; USACE = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; USFWS = U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; NOAA = National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration; NMFS = National Marine Fisheries Service; ESA = Endangered Species Act