

PUGET SOUND

National Estuary Program

MULTI-AGENCY REVIEW TEAM

The Multi-Agency Review Team (MART) is a team of federal and state regulatory staff working together to streamline the permitting process for habitat recovery projects. The MART uses a facilitated, coordinated team approach to help permit ecologically beneficial projects. Efforts focus on expediting the federal permitting process in coordination with state and local permits. The MART previously focused on marine shoreline restoration and is now expanding to support other types of habitat restoration projects, including those in freshwater.

How It Works

The MART works within existing permitting pathways but differs from the conventional process in two main ways, by: 1) Bringing federal, state, and local agencies together at the start of the permitting process using a facilitated, coordinated team approach; and 2) facilitating navigation through the permitting process and directing applicants to existing or emerging streamlined permit pathways that might not be known or clear. Applicants found the facilitated, collaborative process beneficial and most useful in helping to navigate and expedite the more complex federal permit review process in coordination with tribes, state, and local agencies. While permitting delays and issues do arise, the team uses an adaptive management approach to try to resolve these issues and move the permitting forward as quickly as possible.

Opportunities to streamline permitting

The permitting process (local, state and federal) is complex, and several permits are interdependent. If you have an ecologically beneficial project that is ready to permit, we can assist you with an expedited pathway through the process and provide direct access to a team of permitting agencies.



MART TEAM

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), WA Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), WA Department of Ecology (WDOE), WA Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), Puget Sound Partnership, and coordinating with local jurisdictions.

PARTNERS

- For more information on local and state streamlined permitting for restoration projects, contact the [Habitat Recovery Pilot Program](#)
- If you are a property owner with a failing bulkhead, contact your local [Shore Friendly](#) program.
- Contact your local jurisdiction planners

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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