

NEPA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST
WASHINGTON PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE, COASTAL, AND RECOVERY PROGRAMS

FWS Field Station: _____

Cooperator's Name(s): _____

Project Location: State: ____; County _____; Twp ____; Range _____; Section(s) _____

This proposal **is**; **is not**; **completely covered by categorical exclusion No(s)**. _____,
(Review proposed activities. An appropriate categorical exclusion must be identified before completing the remainder of the Checklist. If a categorical exclusion cannot be identified, or the proposal cannot meet the qualifying criteria in the categorical exclusion, an EA must be prepared.)

Exceptions:

Will This Proposal (check [Y] yes or [N] no for each item below):

Yes No

1. Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety.
2. Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.
6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects.
7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.
9. Have material adverse effects on resources requiring compliance with Executive order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.
10. Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

(If any of the above exceptions receive a Yes check, an EA must be prepared.)

Within the spirit and intent of the Council of Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other statutes, orders, and policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following Administrative Record and have determined that the grant/agreement/amendment:

Y N

Is a categorical exclusion as provided by 516 DM 8, Appendix 1. No further NEPA documentation will be needed.

Is not completely covered by the categorical exclusion as provided 516 DM 8, Appendix 1. An EA must be prepared.

Project file includes supporting information relevant to the Checklist.

Species/critical habitat present. Check N "no", if listed, proposed, or candidate species; or proposed or designated critical habitat are not located in your action area, nor have the potential to occur in your action area (action area = all areas to be affected directly or indirectly by your project and not merely the immediate area involved in the project). If Y "yes", complete the Intra-Service Section 7 Evaluation Form.

FWS Project Officer: _____ Date: _____

Concurrences/Approvals:

FWS Field Station Project Leader: _____ Date: _____