

CONSERVATION PLANNING

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Planning Division is a technical assistance group comprised of the **Oil Spill Team, Renewable Energy Section, Water Science Team, and Land Use Planning and Coordination Team.**

Our staff provides technical assistance on oil spills, municipal and agricultural water supply/storage, and energy projects (transmission, natural gas, wind, hydroelectric, solar, tidal and nuclear), water use and storage, and land use planning.

Technical assistance activities include both existing and proposed energy facilities, water use and land use planning. Staff operates within the regulatory framework of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensing process, the Federal Clean Water Act (Section 401 (K) process, the State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) process, the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (HNRTC) and various other regulatory processes.

The Conservation Division works to address the needs of fish and wildlife and their habitats to enhance and protect natural resources and develop mitigation for impacts from water and land use.

This is accomplished through a collaborative process involving the project proponent, state, federal and tribal agencies, and species experts with disciplines specific to natural resources in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest.

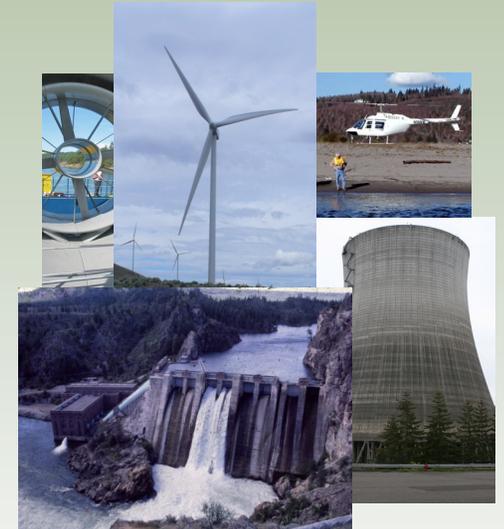


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WDFW Oil Spill Team

To report an oil spill call:
1-800-258-5990

The Department of Fish and Wildlife Oil Spill Team (OST) is a key component of Washington State's oil spill response program. Since its formation in 1992, the OST has provided round-the-clock oil spill response capability to address the needs of fish and wildlife resources. The OST also provides extensive on-site damage assessment and wildlife rehabilitation. The OST provides technical support to the State's oil spill planning and preparedness efforts. Funding for the team comes from a portion of the state tax levied on Washington petroleum imports.

As a natural resource trustee, the team's mission includes a responsibility to be a strong voice for fish and wildlife in the oil spill response community.

The OST provides support services in three primary areas: Natural Resource Protection, Oiled Wildlife Rescue, and Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA).

WDFW Oil Spill Team web address:

http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/oil_spill/index.htm

For more information on **WDFW's Oil Spill Team**, please contact:

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Renewable Energy Section

The Renewable Energy Section engages in the negotiation and implementation of terms and conditions for mitigation, permitting, development of renewable energy technologies in Washington State. These include hydroelectric, wind, biomass, marine hydrokinetic, and solar energy technologies.

Mitigation biologists assist with the writing, review and implementation of mitigation and management plans designed to address impacts associated with energy projects throughout Washington.

Energy Development Technical Assistance web address:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/habitat/planning/energy/>

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Water Science Team

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Water Science Team works to mitigate the effects of human water use on aquatic habitat and fish and wildlife.

Specific activities include recommendation of conditions for new water rights through water right application review (RCW 77.57.020), recommendations of flow and habitat management for hydroelectric projects, recommendations for instream flows as state water rights through watershed planning (RCW 90.82), and restoration of habitat through cooperative management of water rights and conversion to trust water rights.

The Water Science Team uses various instream flow tools, including instream flow models, to develop recommendations for instream flows.

The Water Science Team and Department of Ecology Water Resources Program have Instream Flow Study Guidelines: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/instream-flows/isfsci.html>

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Land Use Planning

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) offers a variety of technical assistance and fish and wildlife information to counties and cities planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) (Chapter 36.70A RCW) and Shoreline Management Act (SMA) (Chapter 90.58 RCW).

Our regional staff review and provide comment on local plans and ordinances that relate to fish and wildlife protection, and can give presentations on local species and habitats to planning commissions, elected officials, and planning staff or participate in advisory committees for planning updates.

Land Use Planning web address:

http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/habitat/planning/land_use_planning.html

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