

Upland Fin-fish Hatching and Rearing General Permit

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Types of Permits issued by Water Quality

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
 - Discharge to Surface Water
- State Waste Discharge Permits
 - Discharge to Ground
 - Discharge to POTW
 - Reclaimed Water Permits
- General Permit
 - Similar industry
 - Specific conditions for discharge
 - Technology and BMP requirements



Typical Permit Requirements

- Technology Based Limits
- Water Quality Based Limits
- Other Regulations – Engineering Reports etc.
- Issuing Process – draft permit – public comment etc.



Authority for General Permits

- In 1979, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created a class of permits called “general” permits. The EPA authorized Washington State to use the general permit approach in September 1989.
- General permits provide efficient and effective permitting of **similar** wastewater discharges



Fish Hatchery General Permit

- The Fish Hatchery Permit was the first general permit for Washington State.
- It was issued in 1990 and has specific WAC requirements.



Requirements Codified in 1990

- WAC 173–221A–100 Upland finfish facilities
- (a) A permit is required for:
 - (i) All facilities which produce more than 20,000 net pounds of finfish a year;
or
 - (ii) Feeds more than 5,000 pounds of fish food during any calendar month.

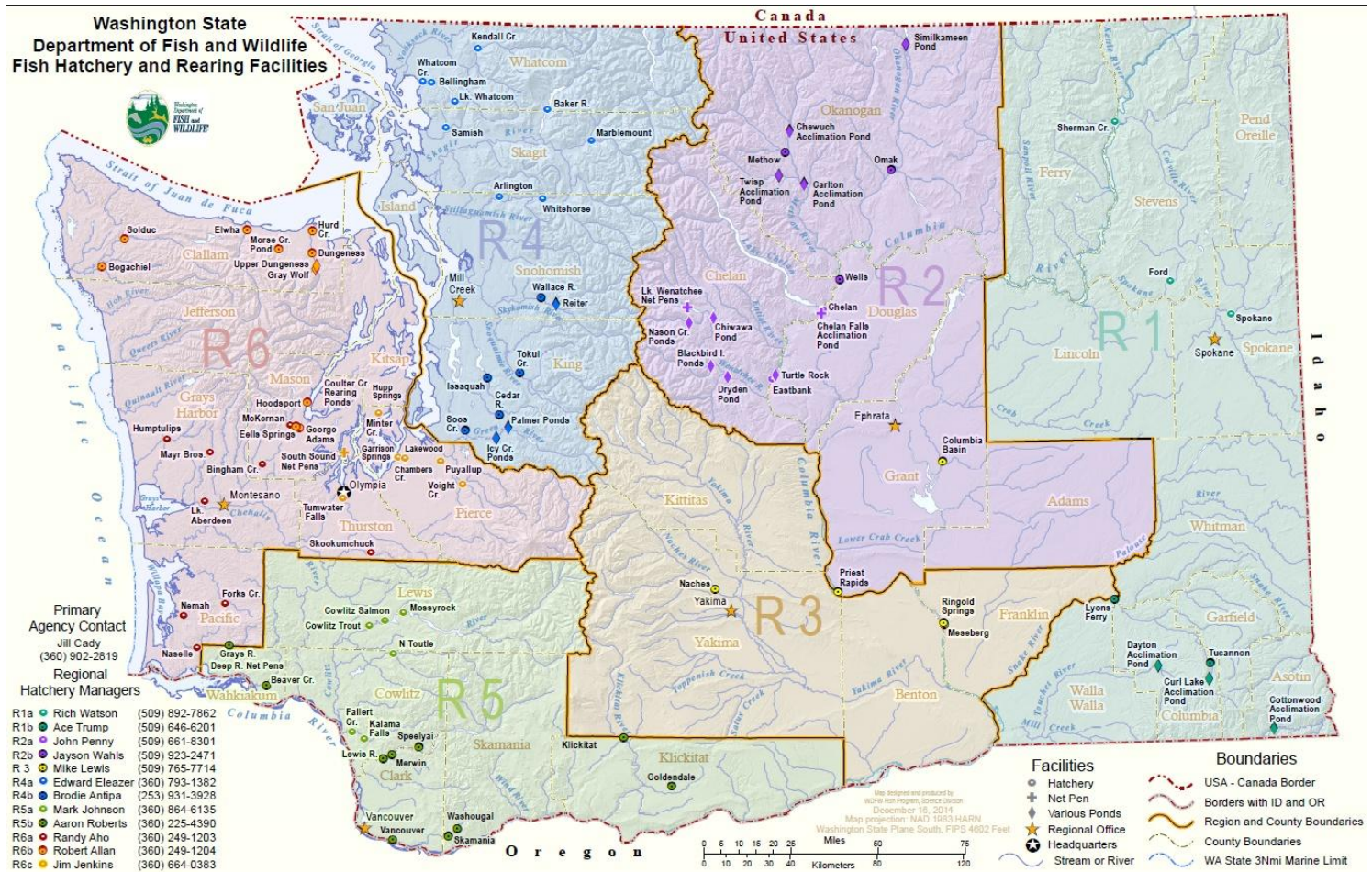


Permit Requirements

- Limits are primarily technology based
- Permit **coverage** depends on size and hatchery specific issues and receiving water quality
- Some facilities require an individual permit due to receiving water issues.
- Instead of an individual permit Ecology may issue a companion order with the general permit



WDFW Hatcheries



Provisional Permit Issuance Timeline

(subject to change)

February 1	Applications received
April 30	Draft permit
May 31	Internal review completed
June 15	Entity (factual) review
August 19	Draft Permit - Public Register Notice
September 30	Public Hearing
November 15	Last day for public comments
December 15	Issue Final Permit – Public Register Notice
February 1, 2016	Permit effective date

