



Washington JARPA NEWS 2009

On January 12, 2009 the Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA) issued a substantially revised and updated Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) for use throughout the state (see <http://www.epermitting.wa.gov/>). Local, state and federal agencies worked together with ORA to improve the overall usability and efficiency of the JARPA process. JARPA 2009 is required to receive some state permits and ORA is working hard to ensure that all cities and counties in Washington State are aware of and have access to the updated JARPA. ORA highly recommends that applicants use the updated JARPA for their state and federal permitting needs, even if their local governments require a different application for local permits.

Key Usability Improvements Include:

- ▶ updated questions and information requirements to meet today's regulatory requirements,
- ▶ easier to understand questions and greater use of "plain talk" language,
- ▶ improved question sequence and logic flow; larger font size; more white space,
- ▶ increased space for applicant information and applicant answers,
- ▶ and updated help and assistance information (instruction, checklists, contacts, etc.).

Improvements are intended to make JARPA less intimidating, more approachable, more usable, and result in increased submittal of more complete and "ready-for-review" applications. JARPA 2009 is designed to save applicants and agencies time and money in the permitting process.

Revising JARPA was the result of Governor Gregoire's commitment to streamlining and improving the efficiency of key governmental decision-making processes. The Governor, through her Government Management Accountability and Performance initiative

(<http://www.accountability.wa.gov/>), identified an efficient JARPA process as essential to the state's economic vitality.

JARPA 2009 is the product of a multi-agency JARPA Workgroup comprised of representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), WA State Department of Ecology (Ecology), WA State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), WA State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), WA State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), and ORA. The JARPA Workgroup was aided by representatives from several local governments who helped in piloting and testing earlier versions of the JARPA. JARPA Workgroup agencies will continue to meet periodically to review the performance of JARPA 2009 and update the form and informational materials as needed.

The JARPA is used to apply for aquatic environmental permits and approvals including:

Federal

- ▶ US Army Corps of Engineers Section 10 Permits
- ▶ US Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permits
- ▶ US Coast Guard General Bridge Permits
- ▶ US Coast Guard Private Aids to Navigation Permits

State

- ▶ Department of Ecology 401 Water Quality Certifications
- ▶ Department of Fish and Wildlife Hydraulic Project Approvals
- ▶ Department of Natural Resources Use Authorizations for State-Owned Aquatic Lands

Local (City or County)

- ▶ Shoreline Conditional Use Permit, Shoreline Substantial Development Permit, Shoreline Variance, Shoreline Exemption, Shoreline Revision, Floodplain Development, Critical Areas Approvals.

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