

Integrated Project Review and Mitigation Tools Initiative (iPRMT)

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What is the Integrated Project Review and Mitigation Tools Initiative (iPRMT)?

A business process and online tool currently used by WSDOT, public works departments, and local, state and federal environmental permitting agencies with these **goals**:

- Help applicants prepare better applications
- Speed up application review
- Improve environmental outcomes



Goal 1

Help Applicants Prepare Better Applications

- **A step by step process helps applicants get it right the first time**
- **IPRMT provides online pre-application consultation**
- **Online messaging shortens the time it takes for applicants to receive information from reviewers and communicate back to reviewers**
- **The tool automatically prepares the Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) for submittal when the pre-application consultation is complete**



Goal 1

Help Applicants Prepare Better Applications

- **Geocator function automatically inserts known location data such as legal description, WRIA, listed water bodies**
- **Applicants can edit information and manage a document library so all reviewers always have current information**
- **Tool keeps track of decisions or changes made on the application**



Goal 2

Speed Up Application Review

- **Online pre-application consultations result in better (more complete) submittals**
- **Reviewers know where to find information because the tool prepares the application form and supporting documents are available online**
- **Reviewers provide estimates of when pre-application review will be completed**



Goal 2

Speed Up Application Review

- Reviewers always have current information during pre-application review even if the project changes
- Best practices and mitigation measures in iPRMT are suggested prior to application submittal by the agencies
- Reviewers can resolve conflicting conditions before applications are submitted



Goal 3

Improve Environmental Outcomes

- **iPRMT covers the total project, not just a single permit**
- **All impacts and mitigation can be seen in one place, even if managed under separate permits**
- **Links to mitigation guidelines and best practices result in more consistency across all agencies**



How Will We Measure Success?

- Amount of time for an agency to complete pre-application review
- Percent of complete applications received
- Total time for individual agency review
- Total time for all agency reviews
- Percent of conflicting measures resolved before permit issuance



2009-2011: Next Steps

Make iPRMT / JARPA preparation available statewide for public applicants

Make iPRMT online pre-applications available in selected areas

Expand to full use in selected counties and cities

Notes

- Incremental roll-out starting summer 2009
- Limited by need to adjust as new users and development types are added
- Limited by training needs
- Limited by agency staffing levels

Develop a funding or membership program so iPRMT can pay for itself after 2011



Longer-Term Upgrades to iPRMT

These upgrades will be explored in 2009-2011, but are not expected until a long term self-funding program is in place or additional funding is made available.

- Integration with agency permit tracking systems to improve government efficiency
- Expansion for use with private sector projects
- Expansion for full use statewide and for other types of permits and activities
- Use as an application review tool as well as a pre-application review tool



Participating Agencies

- **City of Vancouver**
- **Clark County**
- **Association of Washington Cities**
- **Washington State Association of Counties**
- **Department of Ecology**
- **Department of Fish and Wildlife**
- **Department of Information Services**
- **Department of Transportation**
- **Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance**
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**
- **US Fish and Wildlife Service**
- **US Army Corps of Engineers**



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