

Aquatic Noxious Weed Control Permit Revision and Reissuance

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NPDES Permits

Purpose of NPDES Permit

- A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit is required to discharge chemicals to waters of the state.
- These permits covers application of pesticides, and other chemicals applied in and around waters of the State.



NPDES Permits Balance Competing Beneficial Uses.



- Salmonids spawning, rearing and migration,
- Recreation, navigation, boating and aesthetics,
- Wildlife Habitat
- Commerce and harvesting
- All beneficial uses are equal



Aquatic Noxious Weed Control NPDES General Permit



Who Are You?

PERMITTEE OR LIMITED AGENT

Geographic Area Covered

- This permit applies to waters of the state.
- This permit does not apply to:
 - Federal lands
 - Tribal Lands



Applicator

- Licensed Applicator or Working Under Direct Supervision of a Licensed Applicator

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Activities Covered

- Noxious Weed Control With No Direct Discharge to Water



Flowering purple loosestrife ([Lythrum salicaria](#)) by [liz west](#), under CC-by-2.0



Notification & Posting

- Freshwater Weeds
 - Notify or post signs at businesses and residents adjacent to treatment site.
 - Posting is required at public access areas.



Notification & Posting

- Spartina
 - Publish a legal notice and press release prior to the first treatment of the season.
 - Shoreline sign posting within two miles of treatment area.



Monitoring

- Permittee
 - Annual Monitoring Plan



Japanese Knotweed by [Roger Kidd](#) under CC-by-SA-2.0



Reporting

- Permittee
 - Annual treatment/monitoring report
 - Waterbody name, treatment dates, active ingredient, acreage, target species and monitoring results.
- Limited Agents
 - Follow the requirements of your limited agent contract with WSDA



Permit Reissuance

- The current permit expires February 17, 2017.
- Revised and reissued permit in February 2017.



Revisions

- Clarifications
 - Permittee vs. Limited Agent.
 - Work on Federal Lands.
 - Tribal Representatives working off of reservation land.
- Discharge
 - No change to Active Ingredients.
 - Update the adjuvant list.



How You Can Help

- What is Working
- What isn't Working
- What Needs to be Added
 - Active Ingredients
 - Permit Conditions
- What Needs Clarification



Aquatic Pesticide Permits LISTSERV

- <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=ECY-AQUATIC-PESTICIDE-PERMITS>





Questions and discussion

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