



ECY WQ General Permits

Activities & Planned Actions: Remainder of 2022/Early 2023

Water Quality Program General Permits

The months and seasons below are approximate. We will update the Water Quality Partnership on our progress in the coming months. Visit the [Water quality permits web pages](#)¹ for more information.

Reissued Permits Late 2022

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation General Permits

The Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit expired on March 2, 2022. The permit [was remanded in June 2021 by the Washington State Court of Appeals](#). This summer we held workshops and hearings on the new draft and the SEPA Checklist, and the formal public comment period ended in August. We reissued the CAFO permit on Dec. 7, 2022. For questions regarding this permit, please contact Chelsea Morris at Chelsea.Morris@ecy.wa.gov, or Lucienne Banning at Lucienne.Banning@ecy.wa.gov.

Planned Actions for 2022 and Early 2023

Aquatic & Invasive Species Control General Permit

The three permits that will make up this combined permit have expired: Fisheries Resource Management (WDFW), Aquatic Invasive Species (WDFW), and Gypsy Moth (WSDA). We aim to conduct a public comment period with formal hearings starting in December. If the schedule goes to plan, we anticipate making a permit decision at the end of the first quarter of 2023. If you have any questions regarding this permit, please reach out to Shawn Ultican at Shawn.Ultican@ecy.wa.gov.

Irrigation System Aquatic Weed Control (ISAWC) General Permit

This permit expired in 2017. Our colleagues are still working on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We anticipate a draft permit and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will go out for review during a public comment period with formal hearings starting in January. We anticipate issuing the permit early in the second quarter of 2023, before the next treatment season. For questions about this permit, please contact Danielle Edelman at Danielle.Edelman@ecy.wa.gov.

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-quality-permits/Water-Quality-general-permits>