



# WQ General Permits Planned Actions for 2021

## Water Quality Program General Permits

NPDES and State Waste General Permit scheduled actions in 2021-2022. The months below are approximate.

### Planned actions

**Boatyard General Permit**<sup>1</sup>: The Boatyard General Permit was out for public review and comment from March 3, 2021 through April 16, 2021.

In order to ensure that we have the time to review comments and be responsive we have delayed the reissuance schedule for this permit. We anticipate that this permit will be expired for a few months prior to a reissuance decision. A permit reissuance decision is anticipated in early spring of 2022. For questions regarding this permit, please contact James Hovis at [James.Hovis@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:James.Hovis@ecy.wa.gov).

**CAFO General Permits**<sup>2</sup>: We began this reissuance process with informal listening sessions in January 2021. In June 2021, the Washington State Court of Appeals issued their [decision on the CAFO General Permit appeal](#)<sup>3</sup>. The court affirmed in part and reversed in part the October 2018 decision by the Pollution Control Hearings Board ([PCHB case no. P17-016c](#)<sup>4</sup>). The permits are remanded to Ecology for rewriting consistent with the court's opinion. Because the court's decision required significant changes, we have revised our reissuance schedule and will hold a second round of public listening sessions in fall 2021. These listening sessions will be held October 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of 2021. We anticipate that this permit will be expired for approximately nine months prior to reissuance. For questions regarding this permit, please contact Chelsea Morris at [Chelsea.morris@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Chelsea.morris@ecy.wa.gov).

**Fresh Fruit Packing General Permit**<sup>5</sup>: A draft of this permit is currently out for public review and comment. Ecology is accepting comments on this draft permit from Sept. 1, 2021 until Oct. 15, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. You may submit comments through the [online comments form](#)<sup>6</sup>. Workshops and public hearings are scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. A permit reissuance decision is anticipated in the fall of 2021. For questions regarding this permit, please contact Marcia Porter at [Marcia.Porter@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Marcia.Porter@ecy.wa.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Boatyard-general-permit>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Concentrated-animal-feeding-operation>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.courts.wa.gov/opinions/index.cfm?fa=opinions.showOpinion&filename=529521MAJ>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.eluho.wa.gov/search/decision>

<sup>5</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Fresh-fruit-packing-general-permit>

<sup>6</sup> <https://wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=mBGE7>



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**[Irrigation System Aquatic Weed Control General Permit](#)**<sup>7</sup>: We hosted two online public listening sessions on Aug. 10, 2021, and Aug. 12, 2021. We are planning on issuing a formal public draft for review and comment in winter 2021. Workshops and public hearings on the draft permit are projected to be held in early 2022. A permit issuance decision is anticipated in late spring of 2022. For questions regarding this permit, please contact Danielle Edelman at [danielle.edelman@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:danielle.edelman@ecy.wa.gov).

**[Phase I Municipal Stormwater General Permit Modification](#)**<sup>7</sup>: Phase I municipalities were required to adopt a stormwater program that provides equal or greater protection of receiving waters and pollutant control as compared to the 2019 Stormwater Management Manual of Western Washington. We decided that the stormwater programs submitted by the Phase I permittees are equivalent and are seeking to modify the permit based upon our decision. The public comment period ran from July 21, 2021 until 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 27, 2021 and two public workshops and hearings were held on August 24th. For questions regarding this permit, please contact Emma Trehwitt at [emma.trehwitt@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:emma.trehwitt@ecy.wa.gov).

**[Proposed Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit](#)**<sup>8</sup>: Public comment on this draft permit ran from June 16<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup> of 2021. Ecology is in the process of reviewing the comments received, making changes to the draft permit, and developing a formal response to all comments received. A permit issuance decision is anticipated in late fall of 2021. For questions regarding this permit, please contact Ellie Ott at [eleanor.ott@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:eleanor.ott@ecy.wa.gov).

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<sup>7</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Aquatic-pesticide-permits/Irrigation-system-aquatic-weed-control>

<sup>8</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Stormwater-general-permits/Municipal-stormwater-general-permits/Municipal-Stormwater-Phase-I-Permit>

<sup>9</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Nutrient-Permit>