

Ecology Procedures for Permitting WSDOT Projects with Isolated Wetlands

Ecology's guidance on isolated wetlands:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wetlands/isolated.html>

WSDOT's guidance on isolated wetlands:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/NR/rdonlyres/81AA5CC4-0774-4704-8D32-EB8DA39881E4/0/WetDelinIsolatedWetlands.pdf>

WSDOT's website outlines the permit process when impacting isolated wetlands as:

- 1) WSDOT delineates the wetland(s).
- 2) WSDOT requests a Jurisdictional Determination from Corps of Engineers.
- 3) The Corps concurs with the isolated wetland determination and issues WSDOT a Jurisdictional Determination Letter.
- 4) WSDOT requests an Administrative Order (AO) from Ecology. This involves submitting:
 - a. a JARPA package,
 - b. one copy of the Jurisdictional Determination Letter from the Corps, and
 - c. an Isolated Wetland Information Sheet (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wetlands/pdf/IsolatedWetlandsInfoSheet.pdf>).
- 5) If Ecology agrees with the isolated wetland determination and approves of the proposed mitigation, they issue an AO to WSDOT.

Ecology's Process for Permitting Projects with Isolated Wetlands

- 1) How do I apply for an Administrative Order if my project has impacts only to isolated wetlands?

Follow the steps outlined in WSDOT's guidance on isolated wetlands. Ecology will issue an AO to WSDOT upon its agreement of with the Corps' isolated wetland determination and approves the proposed mitigation,
- 2) Once I submit my JARPA package, Jurisdictional Determination Letter, and Isolated Wetland Information Sheet, when will Ecology issue an Administrative Order?

If WSDOT submits the information outlined in WSDOT's guidance (see 4.a-c above) and proposes adequate mitigation for the impacts, Ecology should issue the AO within two months, which allows time for project review and site visits.
- 3) What Ecology permits do I need if my project impacts Corps jurisdictional wetlands **and** isolated wetlands?

*You will need a 401 Water Quality Certification from Ecology. In your application package (JARPA), include the Isolated Wetland Information Sheet and a copy of the Jurisdictional Determination Letter in. Ecology will issue an AO **and either** an Individual 401 Certification **or** Letter of Verification. Ecology will issue the 401 Certification and AO concurrently.*

- 4) What if the Corps determines that a project with both jurisdictional and isolated wetlands is eligible for a "No Further Action" determination?

Ecology's responsibility for isolated wetlands requires it to issue an AO for impacts to those wetlands. Follow WSDOT's guidance above. Ecology will issue an AO within two months upon its agreement with the Corps' determination and approval of the proposed mitigation.