



**Washington State Department of Ecology
Section 401 Water Quality Certification
Pre-Filing Meeting Request Form**

AGENCY USE ONLY

Date Received:
Aquatics ID#:
County:
Team:

Why is this Pre-Filing Meeting Request Required?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published its Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Rule in the Federal Register on July 13, 2020.¹ It took effect on September 11, 2020. The federal rule requires all project proponents submit a *pre-filing meeting request* to the certifying authority at least 30 days prior to submitting a Section 401 Water Quality Certification request (certification request). The Department of Ecology has prepared this pre-filing meeting request form to help project proponents comply with the federal rule requirements.

Next Steps:

Ecology will review your request for a pre-filing meeting to determine whether it is necessary or appropriate for a specific project. Completing this form will help with Ecology’s determination. Thank you for using this form.

1. Please submit this request form and, a project location map to Ecology’s Federal Permit Unit at: ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov.
2. If a pre-filing meeting is scheduled, the meeting may be held in person or remotely. Please be prepared to discuss the project and potential water quality impacts.
3. If you do not receive a response to your request for a pre-filing meeting and at least 30 days have passed, you may submit the certification request to Ecology if a Section 401 certification is required for your project.

For more information:

EPA’s 401 rule: <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-401/final-rule-clean-water-act-section-401-certification-rule>

Project Information

Project Name:		
Project Proponent		
Name:		
Organization:		
Phone #:	E-Mail:	
Project Location <i>(Note: Please attach a project location map when submitting this form.)</i>		
Address:	City:	County:
Land ownership (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal		
Waterbody (including wetlands) that the project is in or adjacent to:		
Brief Project Description and Scope: <i>(Please include total quantities of fill and excavation in waters/wetlands, other direct and indirect impacts to waterbodies and wetlands, wetland habitat and habitat score, and whether adjacent to contaminated soil/sediment.)</i>		
What is your anticipated timeline for construction and operation?		

¹ 40 CFR Part 121

If you have already worked with any government agencies including Ecology on this project, list them below.

Agency Name	Contact Name	Phone/Email

Do you have any specific questions for Ecology?

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