

Simplified Permitting Options in California for Voluntary Habitat Restoration Projects in Coastal and Anadromous Salmonids Habitat

Agency/Authority	Permit/Availability/Details
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT	<p>Availability: Statewide</p> <p>Details: Categorical Exemption for restoration projects ≤ 5 ac. that assure maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.</p> <p>For a full description: CATEx FOR SMALL HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS</p>
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE	<p>Availability: Statewide</p> <p>Details: A faster and simpler pathway for voluntary restoration projects ≤ 5 ac. or 500 cumulative linear ft., as an alternative to DFW 1600/2081 permits. Must be <u>eligible for</u>, or already have, the 401 Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects. Checklist form available.</p> <p>For a full description: AB 2193 – HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT</p> <p>Additional Information: AB 2193 - Guidance Document & FAQs</p>
	<p>Availability: Coho salmon habitat range (Santa Cruz County to Oregon Border)</p> <p>Details: Application and approval process in lieu of obtaining permits through DFW. Coho salmon habitat enhancement projects.</p> <p>For a full description: COHO HELP ACT</p>
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD	<p>Availability: Statewide</p> <p>Details: Water Quality Certification for voluntary restoration projects ≤ 5 ac. or 500 linear ft.</p> <p>For a full description: 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR SMALL RESTORATION PROJECTS</p>
NOAA FISHERIES – NMFS	<p>Availability: Coastal Counties (San Luis Obispo County to Oregon Border)</p> <p>Details: Programmatic section 7 consultation for projects affecting salmonid habitat.</p> <p>For a full description: Biological Opinions for North Coast (Mendocino County to Oregon border) and Central Coast (San Luis Obispo County to Mendocino County)</p>
CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION	<p>Availability: Coastal Zone of North and Central Coasts (San Luis Obispo County to Oregon border)</p> <p>Details: Projects with funding and/or technical assistance from the NOAA Restoration Center (see above) do not need a Coastal Development Permit (CDP).</p> <p>For a full description: FEDERAL CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION – NORTH & CENTRAL COASTS</p>

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS	<p>Availability: Statewide Details: Programmatic permits for temporary construction, aquatic habitat restoration. For a full description: NATIONWIDE PERMITS</p>
US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE	<p>Availability: Army Corps - Los Angeles District Details: Programmatic permits for bioengineered streambank stabilization, invasive plant removal. For a full description: REGIONAL GENERAL PERMITS</p>
PARTNERS IN RESTORATION	<p>Availability: Contra Costa, Alameda, San Francisco, part of San Mateo, Santa Clara, Monterey, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Napa, Solano, San Benito, Marin, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Cruz Counties Details: Programmatic section 7 consultation for California red-legged frog. For a full description: PROGRAMMATIC BIOLOGICAL OPINION</p>