



Lewis River Projects

Draft Shoreline Management Plan

Shoreline Management Plan Development Process

What is a Shoreline Management Plan (SMP)?

“A comprehensive plan to manage the multiple resources and uses of the project’s shorelines in a manner that is consistent with license requirements and project purposes, and addresses the needs of the public.”

(Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Guide to Shoreline Management Planning)

Stakeholder & Public Input

- Public Listening Sessions ✓
- Interface with Resource Agencies and other Stakeholders ✓
- Opportunities for Review of Draft SMP
 - Initial Working Draft posted ✓
 - PacifiCorp Public Review ✓
 - FERC formal comment period

SMP Process Schedule

Summer 2007

- Meet with stakeholder groups
- Inventory existing uses
- Develop classifications & allowable uses
- Develop permitting policies

Spring/Summer 2008

- Distribute Draft SMP for review and comment
- Public meetings to discuss Draft SMP
- Agency review of Draft SMP
- Finalize SMP and submit to FERC

Fall/Winter/Spring 2008-2009

- FERC approves SMP

Summer 2009

- PacifiCorp implements SMP policies

Development of Shoreline Management Plan

SMP Elements

- Management Goals and Objectives
- Shoreline Management Classifications
- Allowable Uses
- Permitting Policies & Standards
- Monitoring & Enforcement Policies
- SMP Update Policies

Draft Shoreline Management Classifications

Integrated Use –shoreline areas with no known significant environmental/cultural resources or associated resource management goals precluding existing or future shoreline uses.

Resource Management - shoreline areas designated for specific resource management, species protection, and environmental purposes.

Project Works - shoreline areas occupied by Project works such as dams, powerhouses, and other structures as well as any areas necessary to meet any requirements of the FERC license, such as recreational facilities and sites and fish production facilities.

Draft Shoreline Management Classifications

Mapping Changes

PacifiCorp made minor changes to shoreline management classification mapping in response to stakeholder comments

Draft Allowable Uses

- community docks
- single family docks
- retaining walls
- shoreline stabilization measures (including riprap and other “naturalized” shoreline stabilization measures)
- boat ramps
- marine trestles, railways, trams, & lifts
- moorings
- dredging
- log booms
- water withdrawal structures
- scientific instrumentation
- vegetation management (including shoreline planting and vegetation removal)
- stairways and walkways
- footpaths
- public recreation sites
- installation and maintenance wildlife support facilities
- ≤ 50 % replacement, repair, and maintenance (in kind) of existing uses and structures.
- temporary uses

Draft Allowable Uses

Not all uses listed in the SMP are appropriate for all shoreline management classifications.

Prohibited Activities

- removal of any vegetation within the Resource Management classification other than habitat enhancement or other actions approved by PacifiCorp
- marinas
- restaurants
- habitable structures
- amusement or water parks
- manufacturing or industrial facilities

Permitting Policies

Criteria for Issuing a Shoreline Use Permit

- consistent with the purpose of protecting and enhancing the cultural resources;
- consistent with the purpose of protecting and enhancing the scenic, recreational, and other environmental values of the Project;
- consistent with the Recreational Resource Management Plan for the Project;
- comply with the use-specific requirements set forth in Permitting Handbook;
- applicant received all permits required by Jurisdictional Entities

“Grand-fathering”

Non-Project Uses established without PacifiCorp’s permission prior to January 1, 2008. Owners of Grandfathered Uses are required to apply for a Permit within nine months of the date the FERC approves the Shoreline Management Plan. Such uses will be considered for permitting using the following criteria:

“Grand-fathering”

Grandfathered Uses Criteria:

- must not unduly interfere with Project purposes or Project Operations;
- must not pose an undue hazard to persons or property;
- be consistent with the intent of the SMP;
- cannot be discontinued without causing hardship to the owner; and
- owner applied for a Permit within nine months of issue date of the new Project license.

Waivers

An applicant for a shoreline use within the Resource Management classification may ask PacifiCorp to waive the Resource Management classification for the applicant's use. PacifiCorp will consider the following criteria before granting a waiver:

Waivers

Applicant must:

- Demonstrate that no other feasible alternative would have less impact on the Project;
- Provide convincing evidence that the proposed use has minimal impact on Project Operations, or to environmental or cultural resources;
- Execute specific protection, mitigation and/or environmental enhancements (PM&E measures) as prescribed by PacifiCorp, through consultation with Jurisdictional Entities, or the appropriate coordinating committee.

Permitting Handbook

- Introduction
- General Information
- Permittable Shoreline Uses
- Permitting Process
- Instructions
- Requirements for Permittable Uses
- Contact for Other Regulatory Entities
- General Conditions for Permits

Permitting Handbook

PacifiCorp's permitting responsibilities :

- determine if proposed Non-Project Shoreline Uses are appropriate in the proposed location (“Permittable Use”);
- prohibit Non-Project Shoreline Uses detrimental to Project Operations, the general public, or navigation;
- establish minimum health and safety standards for Permittable Shoreline Uses;
- ensure Permittable Shoreline Uses protect and enhance recreational, scenic, cultural, and other environmental values of the Project;
- maintain records of Shoreline Management Permits;
- inspect Permitted Shoreline Uses and enforce compliance

Permitting Handbook

Permit Applicant's responsibilities:

- contact PacifiCorp for authorization before undertaking any Non-Project Shoreline Use;
- provide PacifiCorp requested information necessary to evaluate whether a proposed use is a Permittable Shoreline Use;
- cooperate with local, state, or federal governmental entities that have jurisdiction, or have been requested by PacifiCorp, to regulate a proposed Non-Project Shoreline Use (“Jurisdictional Entities”);
- comply with terms and conditions of any authorization granted.

Permittable Shoreline Uses

Exempt Activities (no permit needed)

- Activities within designated Public Recreation sites
- Non-intrusive, intermittent activities

Permittable Shoreline Uses

- Private Use - A noncommercial Non-Project Use
- Light Commercial Use – “For profit” water dependent enterprises (e.g. guide services, slips rentals, watercraft rentals)

Commercial Shoreline Uses

- Typically larger than non-commercial uses
- Potentially greater effect on Project and Project lands
- PacifiCorp consults with federal and state agencies
- PacifiCorp may require applicants submit additional information beyond that for non-commercial uses

Specific Requirements for Proposed Non-Project Shoreline Uses

Appendix B of Handbook includes criteria for:

- Siting
- Design
- Materials
- Construction methods

Additional information may be requested

Conditions

- General conditions – Appendix D of Handbook
- Specific conditions may be assigned on project by project basis

Next Steps

- 30 day comment period (5/21/08 – 6/23/08)
 - Provided in writing via email or letter
- PacifiCorp reviews and considers comments
- PacifiCorp finalizes SMP for FERC filing

Comments or Questions?

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www.ferc.gov

www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/gen-info/guidelines/smpbook.pdf

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