



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources
Peter Goldmark - Commissioner of Public Lands

Application for Use of State-owned Aquatic Lands

Applicant Name: Nooksack Indian Tribe
County: Whatcom County
Water Body: North Fork Nooksack River
Type of Authorization - Use: Right of Entry – Engineered Log Jams
Authorization Number: 23-087459
Term: 5 years

Description: This agreement will allow the use of State-owned aquatic lands for the sole purpose of constructing and maintaining 26 engineered log jams to improve salmon habitat and restore side channels habitat. It is located on the North Fork of the Nooksack River, in Whatcom County, Washington.

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NO WORK CAN BE STARTED ON THE PROJECT AREA UNTIL A USE AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

I. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

This application form will be reviewed by the Department of Natural Resources upon receipt at the address given below, and also posted on the DNR website as public information. Applicants will be notified in writing if the application will be accepted for further review. However, this application may be rejected at any time before signed execution of a use authorization.

APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT IN BLUE OR BLACK PEN

Please send the completed application form to your region land manager at:

Department of Natural Resources
Northwest Region
 919 N Township St
 Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284-9333

Enclose a \$25.00 non-refundable application processing fee with the application. (This fee is not required for local, state, and other government agencies).

II. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Date of Application: March 28, 2011

Authorization to be Issued To (how name is to appear in the lease document): Nooksack Indian Tribe

Applicant's Representative: Victor Inera

Relationship to Applicant: Employee (Watershed Restoration Coordinator)

Address: P.O. Box 157	City: Deming	State: WA	Zip Code: 98244
Telephone: (360) 592-5176	Fax: (360) 592-5753	E-Mail: vinera@nooksack-nsn.gov	

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY Support staff: Application Fee Received JARPA Received Date: 6/17/11
Land Manager: New Application; Renewal Application Land Manager Initials 1059424
Land Manager: Type: (20, 21, 22, 23, 31, 51) NaturE Use Code Z124
Land Records: New Application Number _____; Trust _____; County _____; AQR Plate No. _____

II. APPLICANT INFORMATION cont'

Department of Revenue Tax *Registration Number (Unified Business Identifier) is Required: 91-1487296

Which of the following applies to Applicant (Check One and Attach written authority to sign - bylaws, power of attorney, etc):

Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> State of Registration:	Limited Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> State of Registration:	General Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> State of Registration:
Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/>	Marital Community <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse:	Government Agency <input type="checkbox"/>

Other (Please Explain:) Indian Tribe

Has the site use been authorized before or is it currently under lease? Yes Lease Number:
 No Don't Know

III. LOCATION

The Body of Water on which the state property is located: North Fork Nooksack River	County in which the state property is located: Whatcom	Government Lot:
	Section: 2,34,35	Township: 39, 40
	Range: 06	E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or W <input type="checkbox"/>

Note: A legal property survey including the legal description and other information about the property is **required** to obtain a use authorization. WA DNR survey requirements are attached to this form. The survey plat will be attached to the lease/easement as Exhibit A. **DO NOT HAVE THIS SURVEY CONDUCTED UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED IN WRITING THAT THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR PROCESSING.**

Physical description of Project Area (For example, Marsh, Tideflat adjacent to the Chehalis River, etc.):
 The project area is located along the North Fork Nooksack River between river miles 54.1 and 54.8.

Name of Owner(s) of Uplands, Shorelands, and/or Tidelands shoreward and adjacent to the Property:
 Puget Sound Energy, Jacob Steiner, Whatcom Land Trust, and Whatcom County Parks

Address: SEE ATTACHED	City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone Number:	Fax Number	E-mail:	

Note: Except for property located within established Harbor Areas, proof of ownership, or authorization to use the adjacent tideland, shoreland, or upland property may be required. If the applicant is the owner of the adjacent land, attach a copy of the deed.

County Parcel No(s). for adjacent properties, upland, and/or adjacent tideland properties:
 400635076085, 390602320451, 390602320400, 400635050060, 390602066464, 400634292236, 400634415295

IV. USE OF PROPERTY

Describe, in detail, the proposed use of the Property:

The proposed project will construct 26 engineered log jams (ELJ) in the North Fork Nooksack River, Wildcat Reach (RM 54.1-54.8), to address limiting factors of channel instability and low habitat diversity in the reach. The overall objectives of the project are (1) increase the low-flow connectivity and habitat diversity in existing side channels; (2) encourage formation of new side channels; and (3) to increase channel stability and protect and encourage growth of maturing forested islands in the main channel. Restoring side channel habitat will improve survival and productivity of chinook and other salmonids by providing stable spawning habitat; red failure in side channels is significantly lower than in mainstem and braid habitats in the North Fork. Protecting and encouraging growth of forested channel islands will ultimately increase spawning to incubation success by restoring the island braided planform historically evident in the North Fork

Is or will the Property be subleased to another party? Yes No
If yes, submit a copy of the sublease agreement.

What are the current and past uses of the site?

Ownership and control of the active channel is WA DNR, as are parts of the left bank uplands. The Whatcom Land Trust (WLT) owns a parcel on the right bank near the Warnick bridge and nearly the entire left bank floodplain. The WLT properties are managed as conservation easements. The right side of the channel is accessible from SR 542 at the upstream end near the bridge, but the highway runs along the Warnick Bluffs, a tall (~40 m) unconsolidated cliff, for most of the reach, making the river viewable but not necessarily accessible. Concerned about erosion at the toe of the bluffs, Washington State Department of Transportation (WASDOT) has placed structures along the right bank in the reach to move the thalweg away from the toe. The left bank can be accessed from private property and the Whatcom Land Trust property. Whatcom County Parks and Recreation has a right of way on the right bank for development of a trail from Bellingham Bay to Mt. Baker. There are no structures on the property. The Steiner family owns a small parcel on the right bank adjacent to the gravel bar at the bottom of the access road.

Do you have any knowledge of contamination of the site by toxic or hazardous substances, or of past uses or practices that might have lead to contamination by such substances? Yes No
If so, please explain:

Do you know if any fill material has been placed on the property in question? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

V. IMPROVEMENTS

Physical improvements are structures placed on the land that cannot be removed without damage to the land. Examples of such structures include: pilings, dolphins, piers, wharves, piling-supported buildings, structures built on fill or concrete foundations, buried pipelines and cables, and support structures for bridges.

What physical improvements currently exist on the site? (Photos may be required.)
There is one remnant railroad footing approximately 6 ft x 8 ft x 10 ft and no other structures.

If there are physical improvements currently on the site, who owns them?
Ownership is assumed to be DNR.

If there are physical improvements currently on the site, describe their condition:
The railroad footing is in decent condition with little if any visible deterioration.

Which, if any, of the existing physical improvements will be removed, remodeled, or reconstructed?
None

Describe any physical improvements that the applicant is proposing to construct on the site:
The proposed project will construct 26 ELJ's that will include four types of structures will be used to achieve the restoration objectives: (1) 7 larger type 1 structures, approximately 70-90 feet wide (Figure C-3); (2) 12 smaller type 2 structures, approximately 30-40' wide (Figure C-5); and (3) 6 variable-length type 3 structures, lower profile and with less dense wood spacing than types 1 and 2 (Figure C-7);(4)2 variable-length structures referred to as type 3c (Figure C-9). Design elements will include: (1) vertical logs or log piles placed in excavated holes; (2) V-shaped frame comprised of several layers of logs, most with rootwads and some placed perpendicular to flow; (3) cabling of log frame to increase stability; (4) spaces filled with racking logs and slash; (5) large boulders to act as ballast cabled to the vertical logs, and (6) structures backfilled with alluvium.

Has any fill material been placed on the site? Yes No
If Yes, please describe:

VI. LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL REGULATORY PERMITS Copies of all Government Regulatory Permits, or Permit Waivers Are Required Before Issuance of a DNR Use Authorization. Your project may require all or some of the following.

Please include the following permit applications, permits, or waivers with the application:

JARPA (Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application) - This one form is used to apply for all of the following individual permits:

1. **Section 10 Permit** (Required by the US Army Corps of Engineers for any work in or affecting navigable waters, e.g., floats, docks, piers, dredging, pilings, bridges, overhead power lines.)
2. **Shoreline Substantial Development, Conditional Use, Variance Permit or Exemption** (Issued by Local Government, and is required for work or activity in the 100 year flood plain, or within 200 feet of the Ordinary High Water mark of certain waters; and which included any one of the following: dumping, drilling, dredging, filling, placement or alteration of structures or any activity which substantially interferes with normal public use of the waters.)
3. **Hydraulic Project Approval** (Required by the Department of Fish and Wildlife if the project includes work that will use, divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow or bed of any fresh or salt water of the state.)
4. **Section 404 Permit** (Required by the US Army Corps of Engineers if your project will discharge or excavate any dredged or fill material waterward of the Ordinary High Water mark or the Mean Higher High Tide Line in tidal areas.)
5. **Section 401 Water Quality Certification** (Required by the Department of Ecology if a Section 404 permit is required.)

NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit) - Required by the Department of Ecology under delegated authority from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency for projects that include the discharge of fluid on or into surface water.

SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) Checklist and Environmental Assessments - When you submit a permit application to any agency, if the project is not exempt, the lead agency will ask you to fill out an environmental checklist. Based on checklist answers and the reviewers knowledge of the project site, agency personnel will determine the types of impacts the project may have on the environment. The agency assessments may be the following forms: Determination of Nonsignificance, Determination of Significance, scoping documents, draft or final Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) or others prepared for the purpose of compliance.

Describe any habitat mitigation required by any of the permitting agencies identified above and identify where such

mitigation is proposed to occur:

All disturbed ground will be returned to original condition prior to project completion. Any exposed disturbed soil will be covered in erosion control material. Trees and shrubs currently planted in the staging areas will be salvaged prior to construction and re-planted in similar configurations after staging areas have been de-commissioned. On-site nurseries will be used to augment post-construction plantings as well as additional potted plants as needed. Only site-appropriate native plants will be used for post construction restoration, and non-natives (particularly Himalayan blackberry) will be removed to the extent practical. Nooksack Indian Tribe has implemented successful revegetation plans on previous log jam construction projects through a mixture of salvaging existing plants on site that are displaced from construction, incorporating live stakes of willow and cottonwood, and augmenting as needed with potted native species. The jam locations will act as secure platforms for native conifers to mature into potential recruitment size, provide shade to the channel and eventually incorporated into the river as large woody debris.

All answers and statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Name (please print): Victor Inera	Title: Watershed Restoration Coordinator
Applicant or Authorized Signature: 	Date: 6/16/11

**STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
REQUIREMENTS FOR RECORDS OF SURVEY FOR LEASES AND
EASEMENTS**

Records of Survey are required for easements and leases granted by the department for:

- County roads
- Highways
- Easements across high value lands
- Easements across transition lands
- Utilities
- Upland leases
- Communication sites
- Drainage or irrigation easements
- Railroads
- Aquatic land uses: exemptions are provided for recreational docks and mooring buoys per RCW 79.105.430 and for those permits issued as a Right of Entry
- Other grants as determined by the department based upon site specific considerations

The applicant is responsible for:

- All costs and work associated with creating, submitting, revising and recording the Record of Survey
- Submitting a preliminary Record of Survey for review and approval by the department prior to approval of the agreement.
- Recording the final Record of Survey with the county auditor's office.
- Submitting a digital copy in AutoCAD.DWG or DXF (drawing exchange format) of the final survey.
- Submitting two full size copies and one 8 1/2 X 11" copy and of the recorded survey including the auditor's recording information to the department.

A Record of Survey must:

1. **Be produced by a licensed surveyor.**
2. **Meet the requirements of Title 58 RCW and Chapter 332-130 WAC.**
3. Include the name of the applicant, the purpose of the easement or lease and the DNR easement or lease number.
4. Clearly show easement or lease boundaries with distances and directions of all boundary lines.
5. Show the easement or lease area to an accuracy of (\pm) 0.5% of the total area or (\pm) 10 square feet, whichever is greater.
6. **(Not required for aquatic lands lease across the bed of Puget Sound or the Pacific Ocean)** Indicate the acreage encompassed by the lease or easement within each quarter-quarter section or government lot.
7. Show distances and directions from two or more controlling corners of a recorded subdivision, recorded survey or government survey (GLO) corners.
8. Be related by meridian and coordinate to the Washington Coordinate System NAD'83(1991) by closed ties to NGS Control monuments, or the extension thereof. The designation of the control stations used shall appear on the plat.
9. Include a narrative legal description describing the servient estate (grantor's parcel) on the Record of Survey.
10. Show a detailed plan of improvements to be constructed or already existing on the easement or lease area. All improvements must be shown in sufficient detail to determine what they are used for and to ensure they are entirely within the easement area.
11. Show the location of any proposed utility.
12. **(linear lease or easement)** Show the lineal footage along the centerline.
13. **(linear lease or easement)** Show the complete alignment information and width including any necessary curve data.

A Record of Survey must (cont.):

14. **(Easements or leases crossing a section line or state ownership boundary, not required for aquatic lands lease across the bed of Puget Sound or the Pacific Ocean)** Provide ties to the centerline of an easement along the section or subdivision line from the nearest appropriate Public Land Survey System (PLSS) section corner, quarter section or subdivision corner, where the easement enters and leaves the section or state ownership.
15. **(Easements or leases falling entirely within one section and not crossing a section line or state ownership boundary)** Provide ties from both end points of the linear easement to PLSS corners or other subdivision corners shall be provided.
16. **(A lease which encroaches on a previously leased site)** Show the boundary for the senior lease in the vicinity of the proposed lease shall also be shown, together with ties between the two leases sufficient to determine the full extent of the encroachments.

Additional Requirements for Communication Site Leases

17. Show ties to the corners of previously monumented communication sites adjacent to, or in the immediate vicinity of the proposed communication site.
18. Show access to the site.
19. Mark the corners of the communication site, as described and granted, with substantial permanent magnetically locatable monuments. The monuments shall be in place and obviously marked on the ground after the construction of installations and improvements.
20. Show the center of any communication site tower by Washington Plane Coordinates, NAD83 (1991), or latitude and longitude. NAD83 datum must be used to determine global location coordinates and must be in **decimal degrees**. Coordinates must have at least **five** decimal places to the right of the decimal point and include a negative longitude.

21. On all communication sites where towers or beam paths are shown, an elevation is required at the base of the tower.
22. Show the tower height, and the height of the antenna or microwave dish and any beam path used shall have the diameter and tilt thereof shown.
23. The elevation shall be derived from an established benchmark in the vicinity of the site, or an elevation designated by the Department of Natural Resources.

Additional Requirements for Aquatic Land Uses

24. The lease of aquatic lands is often subject to preference rights. Applicants and surveyors should carefully determine the direction, and show details of the proration of coves and irregular shoreline.
25. **(lease sites which contain existing or proposed structures and improvements that are classified as a non water-dependent or a water oriented use as described within RCW 79.105.060 and WAC 332-30-106)** Provide the square footage of each structure and improvement.
26. Where applicable, the survey of aquatic lands must show the location of the following lines for:
 - a. Tidal areas –Government meander line, the original and current locations of line of mean high tide, line of mean low tide, and line of extreme low tide. The survey must include the name of tidal bench mark(s) used or describe the alternate method employed for determining a Tidal Datum. **Lease areas which contain tidelands and bedlands at a minimum must show the location of the line of extreme low tide crossing the lease area. Lease areas containing bedlands exclusively may be required to show the relationship to the line of extreme low tide and the -18 foot contour line only.**

Additional Requirements for Aquatic Land Uses (cont.):

- b. Lakes – Government meander line, line of ordinary high water (original ordinary high water if the lake has experienced artificial raising or lowering of the water level), and line of ordinary low water (include source of data) and line of navigability if established.
- c. Rivers - Line of ordinary high water and line of ordinary low water (include source of data) and line of navigability if established.
- d. Lots and blocks of platted tide lands or shore lands, inner and outer harbor lines, waterway lines, street boundaries, any local construction limit lines, any dredge or fill areas, and easements of record within the lease site.
- e. All lines must be shown in sufficient detail to compute, and show the area of each area of State-owned bedlands, tidelands, shore lands, harbor area, or waterways included within the proposed lease site.

Include any other data necessary for the complete understanding of the information shown on the survey. If, in the opinion of the department, such information is lacking, the survey may be rejected.

Record of Survey Revisions:

- 27. Any differences between the as-built road and the regulation plat must be reflected in a revised Record of Survey and recorded with the county by the applicant.
- 28. When any portion of the completed improvements are located outside of the granted lease site, the as-built locations must be reflected in a revised Record of Survey and legal description. In this instance, a new application for an amended lease site may be required if the as-built location creates adverse impacts. In the case of linear leases across the bed lands of the sound or the ocean, an as-built Record of Survey and a revised legal description of the linear lease must be provided.

Survey Information updated July 2002.

For additional information contact one of the following region offices:

Southeast Region
713 Bowers Rd
Ellensburg, WA 98926-9341
509-925-8510
TTY: 509-925-8527

Northeast Region
P.O. Box 190
225 S Silke Rd
Colville, WA 99114-0190
360-684-7474
TTY: 509-684-7474

Olympic Region
411 Tillicum Ln
Forks, WA 98331-9797
360-374-2800
TTY: 360-374-2819

Pacific Cascade Region
P.O. Box 280
601 Bond Rd
Castle Rock, WA 98611-0280
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