

Cypress Island Net Pen: Fin Fish Aquaculture Permits

Agency	Permit	Description	Requirements
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Section 10	Installation of farm infrastructure (anchors, buoys and pens) would require a section 10 permit or Letter of Permission. Issuance of a section 10 permit also includes consideration of impacts to treaty rights.	
U.S. Coast Guard	Private Aid to Navigation (PATON)	Permit for marking a structure/object/hazard and ensuring the safety of the boating public. Permission to install Private Aids to Navigation can be obtained by submitting an application.	
Food and Drug Administration	Investigational New Animal Drugs (INAD)	INAD exemption is required if a drug is going to be used on a fish species or pathogen that is not already on the drug label. CVM also regulates animal feed ingredients and feed production.	
Food and Drug Administration	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP)	An aquaculture operation may not require a formal HACCP plan if no processing takes place. However, a processor will require information from the grower to include in the processor's HACCP plan.	Growers should be familiar with HACCP and the information pertaining to aquaculture drugs, environmental chemical contaminants and pesticides, which the processor will be required to evaluate as a Critical Control Point in his HACCP plan.
Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	Aquatic Farm Registration	State code requires an aquatic farm be registered with WDFW in order to produce private sector cultured aquatic products. It also states that registrations must be renewed annually and that reporting of aquaculture activities during the previous year constitutes renewal for the following year.	1) Required to report quarterly on the species cultured, quantity harvested for sale, and unit value.
Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	Marine Finfish Aquaculture Permit	In order to raise any species of marine finfish in net pens within Washington's marine waters, aquatic farmers must possess a permit from the WDFW director for rearing or holding a species, stock or race of marine finfish, defined as finfish being raised in marine waters, in net pens, cages or other rearing vessels.	1) The application must be accompanied by an operations plan, escape prevention plan and an escape reporting and recapture plan. 2) The permit may stipulate additional conditions consistent with state law, such as marking of fish and the prohibition on transgenic fish. 3) The permit is valid for five years.

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Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	Live Fish Transport/Importation Permits	Anyone wishing to transport fish into or through Washington must obtain a Fish Transport Permit.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Live fish being brought into Washington must be free from reportable fish pathogens; 2) Undesirable fish species, if introduced into state waters, cannot cause harm to native species; 3) Aquatic Invasive Species do not get shipped with the desired fish species.
Washington Dept. of Ecology	NPDES	NPDES permits are required for any net-pen operation that qualifies as a Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production (CAAP) facility. CAAPs are defined as those facilities that either harvest more than 20,000 lbs. of fish per year or feed more than 5,000 lbs. of fish food during any calendar month	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Accidental fish release response plan (coordinated with WDFW) 2) Fish release prevention and monitoring plan (coordinated with WDFW) 3) Annual fish release report 4) Significant fish release report 5) Emergency spill plan 6) Monthly disease control chemical use report <p>Monthly fish biomass and feeding report Pollution prevention plan</p>
Washington Dept. of Natural Resources	No permitting done by DNR	DNR is the proprietary land manager and issues leases for activities on state owned aquatic lands, including net pen facilities	Lessee must obtain all required permits by local, state and federal agencies.
Skagit County	Shoreline Substantial Development Permit		