



Section 401 Water Quality Certification Request

Phone: (208) 373-0187

Email: certificationrequests@deq.idaho.gov

Instructions for Applicant

Submit this request, supporting documentation, a copy of [Joint Application for Permits](#) (if not already provided in the pre-filing meeting request), and any questions to certificationrequests@deq.idaho.gov. Include in the subject line: "Certification Request – [Project Name]". An **email receipt** will be provided for your records when the certification request has been received. **If a receipt is not received in a timely manner, call (208) 373-0187.**

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Project Information

Date of Request: 12/30/25

Project Name: Two Rivers Park - Shoreline Stabilization

Project Applicant

Name and Organization: Mayor Jeff Connolly, City of Priest River

Phone: (208) 448-2123

Email: jconnolly@priestriver-id.gov

Agent/Consultant Name and Organization:

Chase MacPherson, Alta Science and Engineering, Inc.

Phone: (509) 599-5758

Email: chase.macpherson@alta-se.com

Project Location

Address/County Parcel:

Address: N/A, County Parcels: RPR00000250501A, RP56N04W303801A

City: Priest River

County: Bonner

Latitude/Longitude (decimal degrees): 48.175106° N, 116.897216° W

Federal Agency Information

Indicate the federal license or permit number: TBD

Indicate the Nationwide Permit for this project (e.g., NWP 13, Bank Stabilization):

TBD



Supporting Documentation

Provide supporting documentation. The list is not inclusive; any plan or documentation that supports the goal of protecting water quality is acceptable. Identify and attach all that apply:

- Project location map (with discharge locations) **SEE PROJECT PLANS**
- Copy of the Joint Application for Permits (if not previously provided)
- Erosion and Sediment Control Plan **SEE PROJECT PLANS**
- Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan **SPECIFICATIONS PROVIDE SWPPP REQUIREMENT AND SPECIFY CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY**
- Water Quality Monitoring, Control, and Protection Plan **N/A**
- Wetland Delineation Report and Ratings **SEE AQUATIC RESOURCES DELINIATION REPORT**
- Soils Testing and Characterization Reports **N/A**
- Suitability determination for dredging projects with in-water disposal **N/A**
- Dredging and Excavation Plans **SEE PROJECT PLANS**
- Flow Diversion, Cofferdam, and Dewatering System Plan **CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY**
- Mitigation Plan **MITIGATION DESCRIBED IN ATTACHED BA, ARDR, AND PROJECT PLANS**
- Riparian Revegetation, Restoration, and Management Plan **SEE PROJECT PLANS**
- Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan **N/A - BA INCLUDES GENERAL INFORMATION**
- Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan **FP-24 MASTER SPECIFICATIONS PROVIDE GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES**
- Summary of wastewater servicing for marina operations **N/A - MARINA DOCKS/FACILITIES ARE NOT PART OF THE PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK.**
- NEPA analysis **IN PROGRESS - A CULTURAL RESOURCES REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED AND CAN BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.**

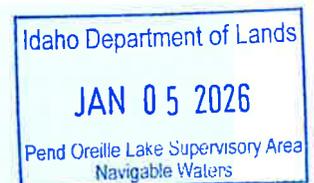
Discharge and Pollutant Information

Provide the location and description of any potential discharge(s) and likely pollutants that may result from the proposed project:

Earthwork and placement of rock materials will occur along the entirety of the shoreline of the property; the shoreline is approximately 3,350 feet in length (see project plans for alignment). Construction will occur when the Pend Oreille River is at low water to avoid discharge of fill materials. There is one area of the shoreline around the SE corner of the property (see project plans C14 through C18), where fill materials are likely be placed below the low water line. Appropriate BMPs to contain sediment and fill materials will be utilized

Discharge location(s) latitude/longitude (decimal degrees):

Approximate Stormwater Outlet Location: 48.176651, -116.902872



Describe methods and best management practices to manage all discharge(s) and potential pollutants resulting from the proposed project activities that protect water quality:

Construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented by the Contractor and ensure that materials are contained on site to prevent discharge to the Pend Orielle and Priest River. BMPs will be implemented per the Idaho Catalog of Storm Water Best Management Practices. BMPs include, but are not limited to: stabilized construction entrances/exits, silt fences, straw wattles, erosion control blankets, and re-vegetation of disturbed areas.

Provide the date that a prefiling meeting request was submitted to DEQ: 8/29/24

Provide the date of the prefiling meeting if applicable: 10/15/25

Certification Statements

The Applicant hereby certifies that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

The Applicant hereby requests that the certifying authority review and take action on this Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Request within the applicable reasonable period of time.

Signature: Jeff Connolly

Digitally signed by Jeff Connolly
Date: 2025.12.30 11:07:43 -08'00'

Date: 12/30/25

Printed Name: Jeff Connolly



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Priest River Railroad

Priest River

Pend Oreille River

Legend

- APE (14.76 acres)
- Temporary Haul Routes (1.8 acres; 6500 linear feet)
- Clearing and Grubbing (2.42 acres)
- Riprap Footprint (1.95 acres)
- Wetlands (3.87 acres)

Idaho Department of Lands
 JAN 05 2026
 Pend Oreille Lake Supervisory Area
 Navigable Waters

1:3,600

1 in = 300 ft



PRINT DATE
 PROJECT NUMBER
 24076.005.001

PROJECTION
 NAD83
 PROJECT MANAGER
 Derek Forseth
 CARTOGRAPHER
 M. Wood

PROJECT NAME
**IDEQ
 Two Rivers Park**

Action Locations

FIGURE 2

RE: Prefiling Meeting Request - Two Rivers Park - Shoreline Stabilization Project

From Rachel Basnaw <rachel.basnaw@deq.idaho.gov>

Date Wed 10/15/2025 4:25 PM

To Chase MacPherson <chase.macpherson@alta-se.com>; Tambra Phares <Tambra.Phares@deq.idaho.gov>

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Good afternoon Chase,

It was nice speaking with you today about the Two Rivers Park Shoreline Stabilization project. I reviewed your application materials and feel I have the information necessary for you to complete and submit a [Request for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification to certificationrequests@deq.idaho.gov](#). However, please confirm with the Corps that an individual certification is required and obtain the DA file number assigned to your project, prior to submittal.

I will note your official prefilng period as follows: 09/17/2025 – 10/15/2025.

For additional information regarding the certification process, please visit our [401 Water Quality Certifications web page](#).

Please let us know if you have any questions

Thank you,



Rachel Basnaw

Surface Water Compliance Analyst

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From: Chase MacPherson <chase.macpherson@alta-se.com>

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Thank you, Tambra. We'll wait to hear back from Rachel.

Thanks,

Chase MacPherson, PE
Project Engineer



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Good afternoon Mr. MacPherson,
DEQ has received your *Section 401 Prefiling Meeting Request* and is providing this acknowledgement receipt for your records.
Rachel Basnaw is your regional office representative and will contact you if additional information or meeting coordination is needed. However, Rachel is out of the office until September 29, 2025, and will reach out upon return.
Your request indicates that you would like to shorten the prefiling meeting period.
If needed, and after your prefiling meeting has concluded, the 401 certification timeline is generally 60-days, upon receipt of a completed *Request for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification*. Additional guidance and information can be found on our web page at <https://www.deq.idaho.gov/permits/water-quality-permits-certifications/water-quality-certifications/>. Please let us know if you have any questions.
Thank you,



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Hello,

Please see the attached prefiling meeting request form for the Two Rivers Park – Shoreline Stabilization Project. Included with the request form are the following:

- An Area of Potential Effect (APE) Figure
- A *Draft* Supplemental Information Document
- Draft Final Plans, Specifications, and the Basis of Design Report, which can be downloaded here:
 - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1R7LDLcNQ8N3QDNmtlgk5EuHu0Oq02O0Q?usp=drive_link

Please note, the 404-permit application has not been included with this prefiling meeting request as it has not yet been finalized; we intend on submitting application with the 401 Water Quality Certification Request. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information to process this request.

Thank you,

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Why is a Prefiling Meeting Request Required?

The [Final 2023 Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule](#) requires all applicants to submit a prefiling meeting request to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) at least 30 days before submitting a § 401 Water Quality Certification Request.

If you would like to request a prefiling meeting, complete this form by following the instructions below. DEQ will review all requests for a prefiling meeting on a case-by-case basis to determine whether the meeting is necessary.

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3. If you are not contacted by the regional office for a prefiling meeting and at least 30 days have passed, you may submit a § 401 Water Quality Certification Request to DEQ if it is required for your project.
4. If a prefiling meeting is scheduled, the meeting may be held in person or remotely. Be prepared to discuss the project and potential water-quality related impacts.

For more information, visit DEQ's [Water Quality Certification web page](#). If you have difficulty completing this PDF form, contact (208) 373-0187.

Would you like to request the prefiling 30-day meeting period to be:

- Waived Shortened

Project Information

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Federal Agency Information

Identify the applicable federal permitting agency:

- US Army Corps of Engineering (Corps)
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- US Coast Guard
- Other:

Indicate the federal license or permit number if known: N/A

Indicate the Nationwide Permit for this project (e.g., NWP 13, Bank Stabilization) if known:

Tentatively, an Individual Permit may be required.

Has the Corps confirmed the Nationwide Permit for this project? Yes No

Receiving Water Body Information

List the water body (including wetlands) project is in or adjacent to (add attachment if necessary):

- 1.) Pend Oreille River (approximately 2,600 linear feet of shoreline impact)
- 2.) Priest River (Approximately 750 linear feet of shoreline impact)
- 3.) 3.78 Acre Wetland (Classification: PEM1C; palustrine, emergent persistent, seasonally flooded)

*See Attached Figures.



Will there be impacts to wetlands?



Yes



No

Brief Project Description and Scope (provide attachment if necessary)

The Two Rivers Park project site is a 38.4-acre undeveloped parcel of land bounded by the Burlington Northern Railroad Company railroad, the Pend Oreille River, and the Priest River. The project scope is to stabilize the site's shoreline, which is experiencing accelerated erosion from the convergence of the two rivers, seasonal water level fluctuations from Dam operations, and boating activities. Project objectives are to preserve the shoreline, restore environmental quality by reducing sediment loading and loss of riparian wetland areas, and promote wide-spread recreational use of the property. Please see the attached 404 Application Supplemental Information Document and Figures for more information.

What is the anticipated timeline for construction and operation?

Construction may occur as early as mid-November of 2025 and end in Spring of 2026. The largest factors contributing to schedule are seasonal dam operations and permitting timeliness; construction may begin in Fall of 2026 and end in Spring of 2027.



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