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CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WILMINGTON DISTRICT
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**REGIONAL CONDITIONS FOR 2026 NATIONWIDE PERMITS IN
WILMINGTON DISTRICT (SAW)**

A. BACKGROUND

1. The following Regional Conditions have been approved by the Wilmington District for the Nationwide Permits (NWP) published in the June 18th, 2025, Federal Register. As specified, under NWP General Condition #27, Regional and Case-By-Case Conditions: The activity must comply with any regional conditions that may have been added by the Division Engineer (see 33 CFR 330.4(e)) and with any case specific conditions added by the Corps or by the state, Indian Tribe, or U.S. EPA in its Section 401 Water Quality Certification, or by the state in its Coastal Zone Management Act consistency determination.
2. Note: The acronym "PCN" used throughout this document refers to *Pre-Construction Notification* as further defined in NWP General Condition #32.
3. The following regional conditions will provide additional protection for the aquatic environment that is necessary to ensure that the NWPs authorize only those activities with no more than minimal adverse environmental effects.

B. EXCLUDED WATERS AND/OR AREAS

1. **Anadromous Fish Spawning Areas.** Work in waters of the U.S. designated by either the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) or the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) as anadromous fish spawning areas are prohibited from February 15th through June 30th, without prior written approval from the Corps and the appropriate wildlife agencies (NCDMF, NCWRC and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)). Work in waters of the U.S. designated by NCWRC as primary nursery areas in inland waters are prohibited from February 15th through September 30th, without prior written approval from the Corps and the appropriate wildlife agencies. Work in waters of the U.S. designated by NCDMF as primary nursery areas shall be coordinated with NCDMF prior to being authorized by this NWP. Coordination with NCDMF may result in a required construction moratorium during periods of significant biological productivity or critical life stages.
2. **Trout Waters Moratorium.** Work in waters of the U.S. in the designated trout watersheds of North Carolina are prohibited from October 15th through April 15th without prior written approval from the NCWRC, or from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Fisheries and Wildlife Management (FWM) office if

the project is located on EBCI trust land. (See Section C.3. below for information on the designated trout watersheds).

3. **Sturgeon Spawning Areas.** No in-water work shall be conducted in waters of the U.S. designated by the National Marine Fisheries Service as Atlantic sturgeon critical habitat from February 1st through June 30th. No in-water work shall be conducted in waters of the U.S. in the Roanoke River designated as Atlantic sturgeon critical habitat from February 1st through June 30th, and August 1st through October 31st, without prior written approval from NMFS.
4. **Submerged Aquatic Vegetation.** Impacts to Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) are not authorized by any NWP, except NWP 48, NWP 55 and NWP 56, unless Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation has been completed pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Permittees shall submit a PCN (see NWP General Condition 32) to the District Engineer prior to commencing the activity if the project would affect SAV. The permittee may not begin work until notified by the Corps that the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act have been satisfied, and that the activity is verified.

C. REGIONAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL NWPs

1. **Critical Habitat in Western NC.** For proposed activities within waters of the U.S. that require a Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) and are located in the thirteen counties listed below, permittees must provide a copy of the PCN to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), 160 Zillicoa Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801 and the Corps Asheville Regulatory Field Office. Please see General Condition 18 for specific PCN requirements related to the Endangered Species Act and the below website for information on the location of designated critical habitat.

Counties with tributaries that drain to designated critical habitat that require notification to the Asheville U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Avery, Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, Union and Yancey.

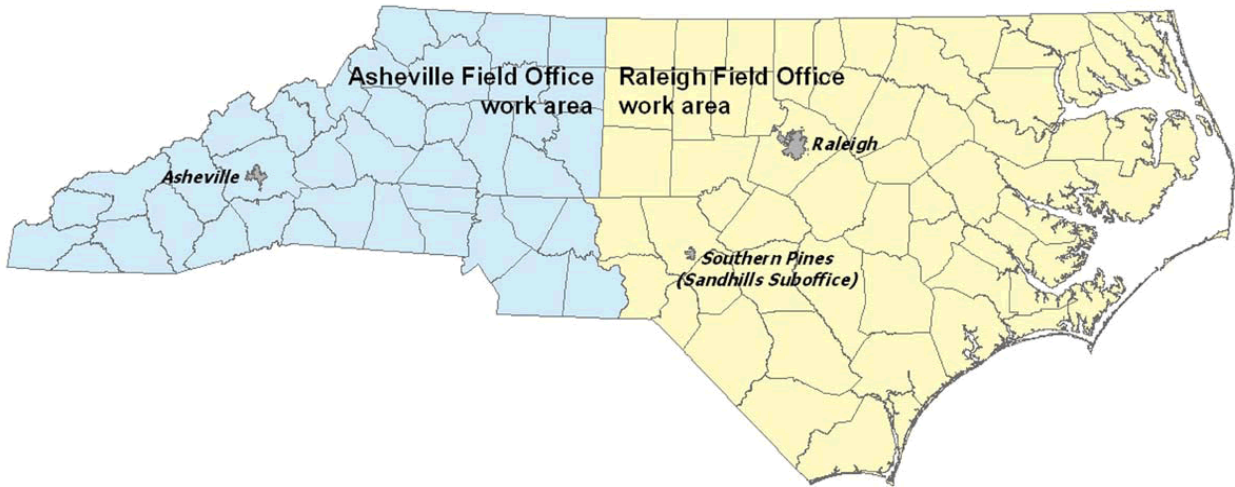
Website and office addresses for Endangered Species Act Information:

The Wilmington District has developed the following website for permittees which provides guidelines on how to review linked websites and maps in order to fulfill NWP General Condition 18 (Endangered Species) requirements:

<https://www.sad.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/North-Carolina/#endangered-species-and-critical-habitat>.

Permittees who do not have internet access may contact the appropriate U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offices listed below or Corps at (704) 510-1441.

Below is a map of the USFWS Field Office Boundaries:



Asheville U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office counties: All counties west of and including Anson, Stanly, Davidson, Forsyth and Stokes Counties.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Asheville Field Office
160 Zillicoa Street
Asheville, NC 28801
Telephone: (828) 258-3939

Raleigh U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office counties: All counties east of and including Richmond, Montgomery, Randolph, Guilford, and Rockingham Counties.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Raleigh Field Office
Post Office Box 33726
Raleigh, NC 27636-3726
Telephone: (919) 856-4520

2. **Special Designation Waters.** Prior to the use of any NWP that involves a discharge of dredged or fill material in any of the following identified waters and/or adjacent wetlands in North Carolina, permittees shall submit a PCN to the District Engineer prior to commencing the activity (see General Condition 32). The North Carolina waters and wetlands that require additional PCN requirements are:

“Primary Nursery Areas” (PNA), including inland PNA, as designated by the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission and/or the North Carolina Wildlife

Resources Commission. The definition of and designated PNA waters can be found in the North Carolina State Administrative Code at Title 15A, Subchapters 3R and 10C (15A NCAC 03R .0103; 15A NCAC 10C .0502; and 15A NCAC 10C .0503) and at the following web page:

<http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp?folderName=%5CTitle%2015A%20-%20Environmental%20Quality>

3. **Trout Waters.** Prior to any discharge of dredge or fill material into streams, waterbodies, or wetlands within the currently designated trout watersheds of North Carolina, the permittee shall submit a PCN (see General Condition 32) to the District Engineer prior to commencing the activity. Current designated trout waters can be found at this link: <https://www.sad.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/North-Carolina/#western-north-carolina-trout-watersheds>. (These maps are periodically updated as new trout distribution and habitat data become available). The permittee shall also provide a copy of the PCN to the appropriate NCWRC office, or to the EBCI FWM Office (if the project is located on EBCI trust land), to facilitate the determination of any potential impacts to designated Trout Waters.

NCWRC and NC Trout Watersheds:

NCWRC Contact**	Counties that may have trout waters
Mountain Coordinator 645 Fish Hatchery Rd., Building B Marion, NC 28752 (828) 400-4223	Alleghany Jackson Ashe Macon Avery Swain Graham Transylvania Haywood Watauga Burke Buncombe Caldwell Cherokee Clay
For NCDOT Projects: Western NCDOT Coordinator, 20830 Great Smoky Mountain Expressway, Waynesville, NC 28786 (828) 476-1966	Henderson Madison McDowell Mitchell Polk Rutherford Surry Wilkes Yancey

NCWRC Contact**	Counties that may have trout waters
EBCI Contact**	Counties that are within Trout Watersheds*
Office of Natural Resources P.O. Box 1747, Cherokee, NC 28719 (828) 359-6113	Qualla Boundary and non-contiguous tracts of trust land located in portions of Swain, Jackson, Haywood, Graham and Cherokee Counties.

*NOTE: To determine PCN requirements, contact the Corps Asheville Regulatory Field Office at (828) 271-7980 or view maps showing trout watersheds in each County at the following webpage:
<https://www.sad.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/North-Carolina/#western-north-carolina-trout-watersheds>.

**If a project is located on EBCI trust land, submit the PCN in accordance with Regional Condition C.16. Contact the Corps Asheville Regulatory Field Office at (828) 271-7980 with questions.

4. **Western NC Waters and Corridors.** The permittee shall submit a PCN (see General Condition 32) to the District Engineer prior to commencing the activity in waters of the U.S. if the activity will occur within any of the following identified waters in western North Carolina, within 0.5 mile on either side of these waters, or within 0.75 mile of the Little Tennessee River, as measured from the top of the bank of the respective water (i.e., river, stream, or creek):

Brasstown Creek
 Burningtown Creek
 Cane River
 Caney Fork
 Cartoogechaye Creek
 Chattooga River
 Cheoah River
 Cowee Creek
 Cullasaja River
 Deep Creek
 Ellijay Creek
 French Broad River
 Garden Creek
 Hiwassee River
 Hominy Creek
 Iotla Creek

Little Tennessee River (within the river or within 0.75 mile on either side of this river)
Nantahala River
Nolichucky River
North Fork French Broad River
North Toe River
Nottley River
Oconaluftee River (portion not located on trust/EBCI land)
Peachtree Creek
Shooting Creek
Snowbird Creek
South Toe River
Stecoah Creek
Swannanoa River
Sweetwater Creek
Tuckasegee River (also spelled Tuckaseegee or Tuckaseigee)
Valley River
Watauga Creek
Watauga River
Wayah Creek
West Fork French Broad River

To determine PCN requirements, contact the Corps Asheville Regulatory Field Office at (828) 271-7980 or view maps for all corridors at the following webpage: <https://www.sad.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/North-Carolina/#designated-waters>.

5. **Limitation of Loss of Stream Bed.** NWP's may not be used for activities that may result in the loss of more than 0.05 acre of stream bed, except for NWP 32.
6. **Pre-Construction Notification for Loss of Stream Bed Exceeding 0.02 acre.** The permittee shall submit a PCN to the District Engineer prior to commencing the activity (see General Condition 32) prior to the use of any NWP for any activity that results in the loss of more than 0.02 acre of stream bed. This applies to NWP's that do not have PCN requirements as well as those NWP's that require a PCN.
7. **Mitigation for Loss of Stream Bed.** For any NWP that results in a loss of more than 0.02 acre of stream bed, the permittee shall provide a mitigation proposal to compensate for more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse impacts to the aquatic environment, unless the District Engineer determines in writing that either some other form of mitigation would be more environmentally appropriate, or the adverse effects of the proposed activity are minimal. For stream bed losses of 0.02 acre or less that require a PCN, the District Engineer may determine, on a case-by-case basis, that compensatory mitigation is required to

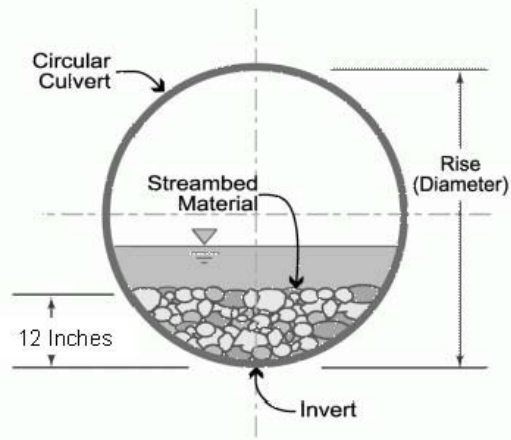
ensure that the activity results in minimal adverse effect on the aquatic environment.

8. **Riprap.** For all NWP's that allow for the use of riprap material for bank stabilization, the following conditions shall be applied:
 - a. Filter cloth must be placed underneath the riprap as an additional requirement of its use in North Carolina waters. The placement of filter fabric is not required if the riprap will be pushed or "keyed" into the bank of the waterbody. A waiver from the specifications in this Regional Condition must be requested in writing.
 - b. Riprap shall be placed only on the stream banks, or, if it is necessary to be placed in the stream bed, the finished top elevation of the riprap should not exceed that of the original stream bed.
9. **Culvert Placement.** For all NWP's that allow for culvert placement, the following conditions shall be applied:
 - a. For all NWP's that involve the construction/installation of culverts, measures shall be included in the construction/installation that will promote the safe passage of fish and other aquatic organisms.

Placement of culverts and other structures in streams shall be below the elevation of the streambed by one foot for all culverts with a diameter greater than 48 inches, and 20 percent of the culvert diameter for culverts having a diameter less than or equal to 48 inches. If the culvert outlet is submerged within a pool or scour hole and designed to provide for aquatic passage, then culvert burial into the streambed is not required.

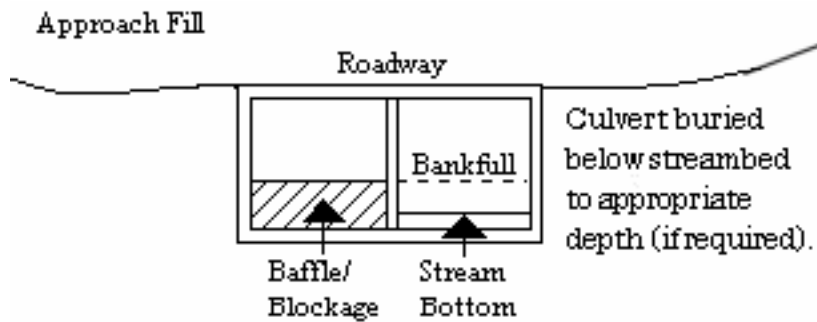
Culvert burial is not required for structures less than 72-inch diameter/width, where the slope of the culvert will be greater than 2.5 percent, provided that all alternative options for flattening the slope have been investigated and aquatic life movement/connectivity has been provided when possible (e.g., rock ladders, cross vanes, sills, baffles etc.). Culvert burial is not required when bedrock is present in culvert locations.

Installation of culverts in wetlands shall ensure continuity of water movement and be designed to adequately accommodate high water or flood conditions. When roadways, causeways, or other fill projects are constructed across FEMA-designated floodways or wetlands, openings such as culverts or bridges shall be provided to maintain the natural hydrology of the system as well as prevent constriction of the floodway that may result in destabilization of streams or wetlands.



A waiver from the depth specifications in this condition may be requested, in writing, by the permittee and issued by the Corps. This waiver request must be specific as to the reasons(s) for the request. The waiver will be issued if it can be demonstrated that the proposed design would result in less impacts to the aquatic environment. Culverts placed across wetland fills purely for the purposes of equalizing surface water do not have to be buried, but the culverts must be of adequate size and/or number to ensure unrestricted transmission of water.

b. Bank-full flows (or less) shall be accommodated through maintenance of the existing bank-full channel cross sectional area. Additional culverts or culvert barrels at such crossings shall be allowed only to receive bank-full flows.



c. Culverts shall be designed and installed in such a manner that the original stream profiles are not altered and allow for aquatic life movement during low flows. The dimension, pattern, and profile of the stream above and below a pipe or culvert shall not be modified by widening the stream channel or by reducing the depth of the stream in connection with the construction activity. The width, height, and gradient of a proposed culvert shall be such as to pass the average historical low flow and spring flow without adversely altering flow velocity. If the width of the culvert is wider than the stream channel, the culvert shall include multiple boxes/pipes, baffles, benches and/or sills to maintain the natural width of the stream channel. If multiple culverts/pipes/barrels are used, low flows shall be

accommodated in one culvert/pipe and additional culverts/pipes shall be installed such that they receive only flows above bankfull.

10. **Utility Lines.** For all NWP's that allow for the construction and installation of utility lines, the following conditions shall be applied:

a. Utility lines consisting of aerial electric power transmission lines crossing navigable waters of the U.S. (which are defined at 33 CFR part 329) must comply with the applicable minimum clearances specified in 33 CFR 322.5(i).

b. The work area authorized by this permit, including temporary and/or permanent fills, will be minimized to the greatest extent practicable. Justification for work corridors exceeding forty (40) feet in width is required and will be based on pipeline diameter and length, size of equipment required to construct the utility line, and other construction information deemed necessary to support the request. The permittee is required to provide this information to the Corps with the initial PCN package.

c. A plan to restore and re-vegetate wetland areas cleared for construction must be submitted with the required PCN. Cleared wetland areas shall be re-vegetated, as appropriate, with species of canopy, shrub, and herbaceous species. The permittee shall not use fescue grass, or any other species identified as invasive or exotic species by the NC Native Plant Society (NCNPS): <https://ncwildflower.org/invasive-exotic-species-list/>.

d. Any permanently maintained corridor along the utility right of way within forested wetlands shall be considered a loss of aquatic function. A compensatory mitigation plan will be required for all such impacts associated with the requested activity if the activity requires a PCN and the cumulative total of permanent conversion of forested wetlands exceeds 0.1 acre, unless the District Engineer determines in writing that either some other form of mitigation would be more environmentally appropriate, or the adverse effects of the proposed activity are minimal.

Where permanently maintained corridor within forested wetlands is 0.1 acre or less, the District Engineer may determine, on a case-by-case basis, that compensatory mitigation is required to ensure that the activity results in minimal adverse effects on the aquatic environment.

e. When directional boring or horizontal directional drilling (HDD) under waters of the U.S., including wetlands, permittees shall closely monitor the project for hydraulic fracturing or "fracking." Any discharge from hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" into waters of the U.S., including wetlands, shall be reported to the appropriate Corps Regulatory Field Office within 48 hours. Restoration and/or compensatory mitigation may be required as a result of any unintended discharges.

11. **Temporary Access Fills.** The permittee shall submit a PCN to the District Engineer prior to commencing the activity if the activity will involve the discharge of dredged or fill material into more than 0.1 acre of wetlands or 0.02 acre of stream channel for the construction of temporary access fills and/or temporary road crossings. The PCN must include a restoration plan that thoroughly describes how all temporary fills will be removed, how pre-project conditions will be restored, and include a timetable for all restoration activities.
12. **Federal Navigation Channel Setbacks.** Authorized structures and fills located in or adjacent to Federally authorized waterways must be constructed in accordance with the latest setback criteria established by the Wilmington District Engineer. You may review the setback policy at: <https://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/Setbacks/>. This general permit does not authorize the construction of hardened or permanently fixed structures within the Federally Authorized Channel Setback, unless the activity is approved by the Corps. The permittee shall submit a PCN (see General Condition 32) to the District Engineer to obtain a written verification prior to the construction of any structures or fills within the Federally Authorized Channel Setback.
13. **Endangered and Threatened Species.** The NWP General Condition 18 (Endangered Species) states that no activity is authorized under any NWP which “may affect” a listed species or critical habitat, unless ESA section 7 consultation addressing the consequences of the proposed activity on listed species or critical habitat has been completed. The Wilmington District uses numerous Standard Local Operating Procedures for Endangered Species (SLOPES) and Programmatic Biological Opinions (PBOs) to ensure compliance with General Condition 18. These SLOPES/PBOs have been developed in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and/or other appropriate state and federal agencies. All current SLOPES/PBOs are listed on the Wilmington District website and will be used, where appropriate, to facilitate/determine ESA Section 7 compliance. All PBOs can be found on our website at: <https://www.sad.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/North-Carolina/#endangered-species-and-critical-habitat>.
14. **West Indian Manatee Protection.** In order to protect the endangered West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) the Permittee shall implement the USFWS’ Manatee Guidelines and strictly adhere to all requirements therein. The guidelines can be found at: <https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Manatee%20guidelines%20NC.pdf>.
15. **ESA Programmatic Biological Opinions.** The Wilmington District, USFWS, NCDOT, and the FHWA have conducted programmatic Section 7(a)(2) consultation for a number of federally listed species and designated critical

habitat (DCH), and programmatic consultation concerning other federally listed species and/or DCH may occur in the future. The result of completed programmatic consultation is a Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO) issued by the USFWS. These PBOs contain mandatory terms and conditions to implement the reasonable and prudent measures that are associated with “incidental take” of whichever species or critical habitat is covered by a specific PBO. Authorization under NWP is conditional upon the permittee’s compliance with all the mandatory terms and conditions associated with incidental take of the applicable PBO (or PBOs), which are incorporated by reference in the NWPs. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions associated with incidental take of an applicable PBO, where a take of the federally listed species occurs, would constitute an unauthorized take by the permittee, and would also constitute permittee non-compliance with the authorization under the NWPs. If the terms and conditions of a specific PBO (or PBOs) apply to a project, the Corps will include this/these requirements in any NWP verification that may be issued for a project. For an activity/project that does not require a PCN, the terms and conditions of the applicable PBO(s) also apply to that non-notifying activity/project. The USFWS is the appropriate authority to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of its PBO and the ESA. All PBOs can be found on our website at: <https://www.sad.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/North-Carolina/#endangered-species-and-critical-habitat>.

16. **Work on Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Land.**

Notifying NWPs - All PCNs submitted for activities in waters of the U.S. on Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) trust land (i.e., Qualla Boundary and non-contiguous tracts of trust land located in portions of Swain, Jackson, Haywood, Graham and Cherokee Counties), must comply with the requirements of the latest MOU between the Wilmington District and the EBCI.

Non-notifying NWPs - Prior to the use of any non-notifying NWP for activities in waters of the U.S. on EBCI trust land (i.e., Qualla Boundary and non-contiguous tracts of trust land located in portions of Swain, Jackson, Haywood, Graham and Cherokee Counties), all prospective permittees must comply with the requirements of the latest MOU between the Wilmington District and the EBCI; this includes coordinating the proposed project with the EBCI Natural Resources Program and obtaining a Tribal Approval Letter from the Tribe.

The EBCI MOU can be found at the following URL:
<https://www.sad.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/North-Carolina/#cultural-resources>.

17. **Sedimentation and Erosion Control Structures and Measures.**

All PCNs will identify and describe sedimentation and erosion control structures and measures proposed for placement in waters of the U.S. The structures and measures should be depicted on maps, surveys or drawings showing location and impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and streams.

D. REGIONAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC NWP's

1. **NWP 3.** In designated trout watersheds, a PCN is not required for impacts to a maximum of 0.02 acre for temporary dewatering) of streams and waterbodies when conducting maintenance activities. Minor deviations in an existing structure's configuration, temporary structures and temporary fills are authorized as part of the maintenance activity. In designated trout watersheds, the permittee shall submit a PCN (see Regional Condition C.3 above and General Condition 32) to the District Engineer prior to commencing the activity if: 1) impacts (other than temporary dewatering to work in dry conditions) to streams or waterbodies exceed 0.008 acre, 2) temporary impacts to streams or waterbodies associated with dewatering to work in dry conditions exceeds 0.02 acre, 3) the project will involve impacts to wetlands, 4) the project involves the replacement of a bridge or spanning structure with a culvert or non-spanning structure in waters of the United States, or 5) the activity will be constructed during the trout waters moratorium (October 15 through April 15).

2. **NWP 5.**
 - a. Permittees must submit a PCN to the District Engineer prior to the construction of weirs and flumes in areas identified by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) or the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) as anadromous fish spawning areas, designated "Inland Primary Nursery Areas" or Trout Waters.

 - b. In designated trout watersheds (see Regional Condition C.3 above and General Condition 32), PCN is not required if: 1) the quantity of discharged material will be less than or equal to 25 cubic yards below the plane of the ordinary high water mark, 2) temporary impacts to streams or waterbodies associated with dewatering to work in dry condition are 0.02 acre or less, and 3) the activity will be constructed outside of the trout waters moratorium (October 15 through April 15).

3. **NWP 13.** In designated trout watersheds, a PCN is not required for impacts up to 0.02 acre of stream for temporary dewatering, and up to 100 linear feet for all other impacts to streams or waterbodies for bank stabilization activities that are not adjoining, adjacent to, or in the relative vicinity of existing stabilization structures. Materials for the stabilization structure(s) and design of the project

must be constructed to withstand normal and expected high stream flows. In designated trout waters, the permittee shall submit a PCN (see Regional Condition C.3 above and General Condition 32) to the District Engineer prior to commencing the activity if: 1) impacts (other than temporary dewatering to work in dry conditions) to streams and waterbodies exceed 100 linear feet, 2) temporary impacts to streams or waterbodies associated with dewatering to work in dry conditions exceed 0.02 acre of stream channel, or 3) the activity will be constructed during the trout waters moratorium from October 15th through April 15th.

4. NWP 14

a. If appropriate, permittees shall employ natural channel design (see definition below and NOTE below) to the maximum extent practicable for stream relocations. All stream relocation proposals shall include a Relocation and Monitoring Plan and a functional assessment of baseline conditions (e.g., use of the North Carolina Stream Assessment Methodology). Compensatory mitigation may be required for stream relocations.

Natural Channel Design means a geomorphologic approach to stream restoration based on an understanding of valley type, general watershed conditions, dimension, pattern, profile, hydrology and sediment transport of natural, stable channels (reference condition) and applying this understanding to the reconstruction of a stable channel.

NOTE: For more information on Natural Channel Design, permittees should reference North Carolina Stream Mitigation Guidance on the Corps RIBITS (Regulatory In-lieu Fee and Bank Information Tracking System) website or at the following World Wide Web Page:

<https://ribits.ops.usace.army.mil/ords/f?p=107:2:.....>

b. In designated trout watersheds, a PCN is not required for impacts to a maximum of 0.007 acre (0.02 acres for temporary dewatering) or 1/10-acre of jurisdictional aquatic resources for proposed structures not adjoining, adjacent to, or connected to existing structures. In designated trout waters, the permittee shall submit a PCN (see Regional Conditions C.3. above and General Condition 32) to the District Engineer prior to commencing the activity if: 1) impacts (other than temporary dewatering to work in dry conditions) to jurisdictional aquatic resources exceed 0.007 acre or 1/10-acre, 2) temporary impacts to streams or waterbodies associated with dewatering to work in dry conditions exceed 0.02 acre, 3) the project will involve impacts to wetlands, 4) the primary purpose of the project is for commercial development, 5) the project involves the replacement of

a bridge or spanning structure with a culvert or non-spanning structure in waters of the United States, or 6) the activity will be constructed during the trout waters moratorium (October 15 through April 15).

5. **NWP 18.** In designated trout waters (see Regional Condition C.3. above), a PCN is not required if: 1) the quantity of discharged material is less than or equal to 10 cubic yards below the plane of the ordinary high water mark, 2) temporary impacts to streams or waterbodies associated with dewatering to work in dry conditions are 0.02 acre or less, and 3) the activity will be constructed outside of the trout waters moratorium (October 15 through April 15).
6. **NWP 23.** The discharge of dredged or fill material associated with this NWP must not cause the loss of greater than 1 acre of waters of the United States or .06 acre of stream bed for each single and complete project.
7. **NWP 27.** The permittee shall submit a PCN to the District Engineer prior to commencing any activities associated with this permit (see General Condition 32). Additionally, coordination is required for all NWP 27 PCNs as indicated under GC 32 (d)(1) and (3), except for those proposed projects that are being developed pursuant to a mitigation banking or in-lieu fee program instrument and have previously been coordinated through the North Carolina Interagency Review Team (NCIRT). For those projects that have undergone IRT review, further coordination may still be required with USFWS/NMFS for the purpose of completing consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as part of the permit review process.
8. **NWPs 29, 39, 42, 43, 51.**
 - a. Discharges in streams and wetlands for stormwater management facilities are prohibited under this NWP.
 - b. Discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands, within the floodway* or mapped FEMA 100-year floodplain resulting in permanent above-grade fills are not authorized by this NWP.

* NOTE: Floodway means the area designated and/or regulated by Federal, State, or local requirements to provide for the discharge of the base flood so the cumulative increase in water surface elevation is no more than a designated height identified by the regulating entity within the 100-year floodplain.
9. **NWP 36.** Boat ramps will not extend farther than twenty (20) feet waterward from the mean high water (MHW) elevation contour in tidal areas or from the ordinary high water mark elevation contour in non-tidal areas. A waiver from this condition may be requested in writing. The District Engineer may issue a waiver if the

proposed activity will result in minimal individual and cumulative adverse impacts to the aquatic environment.

10. **NWP 41**. This NWP does not authorize impacts to channelized streams or natural streams.

11. **NWP 48**.

a. The permittee shall submit a PCN to the District Engineer prior to commencing the activity if lease areas will be sited within areas that contain SAV that exceed and/or do not meet the criteria established in the latest NCDMF protocol for evaluating shellfish lease areas in SAV.

b. This NWP may not be used to authorize the discharges of dredged or fill material into wetlands, including Coastal Wetlands as defined by North Carolina's Coastal Area Management Act. No lease site shall be sited within 20 feet of a wetland area, except for shell on bottom, unless approved by the Corps and the NMFS - Habitat Conservation Division. Shell on bottom activities shall be sited 5 feet or more from wetland areas.

c. This NWP does not authorize the discharge of any earthen fill material into any waters of the U.S.

d. Lease areas cannot be sited or located farther than one-third the width of a waterbody, unless approved by the District Engineer. This condition does not apply to aquaculture methods that use only cultch-on-bottom or clam-on-bottom methods.

e. Lease sites shall not be located within marked or unmarked established navigation channels.

12. **NWP 53**.

a. The PCN shall include an estimate of the amount of sediment stored behind the dam and a description of the methodology used to make that estimation.

b. The PCN shall include a sediment removal plan. This plan shall describe the methods of sediment removal, dewatering and the location of the disposal area(s). This requirement will be waived if the permittee demonstrates that: 1) the release of sediment from behind the dam will not result in a discharge of dredged or fill material, 2) that the removal of sediment is not practicable, and/or 3) sediment removal and/or disposal would be more damaging to the aquatic environment than the release of sediments from behind the dam.

13. **NWP 55**.

- a. No lease site shall be sited within 20 feet of a wetland area, unless approved by the Corps and the NMFS - Habitat Conservation Division.
- b. Lease areas cannot be sited or located farther than one-third the width of a waterbody (measured from the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) or Mean High Water Mark (MHWM), unless approved by the District Engineer.
- c. Lease sites shall not be located within marked or unmarked established navigation channels.

E. ACTIVITY SPECIFIC REGIONAL CONDITIONS

N/A.

F. SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND/OR COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION CONDITIONS

WQC: North Carolina Division of Water Resources (NCDWR)

- Denied WQCs for NWP: 17, 21, 34, 38, 43, 49 and 50.
- The Wilmington District did not request WQC for NWP: 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 24, 28, 35 and 55. NCDWR did not issue a WQC for NWP: 1, 2, 8, 10, 11, 24, 28 and 55. However, NCDWR denied a certification for NWP 9 and issued a WQC with conditions for NWP 35.
- Issued WQCs with conditions for NWP: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 48, 51, 52, 53, 54, 57, 58, 59 and 60 (A). These WQC conditions are incorporated as Regional Conditions and the Permittee is responsible for compliance as such.

WQC: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI)

- The Wilmington District did not request WQCs for NWP: 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 24, 28, 35 and 55. EBCI did not issue a WQC for NWP: 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 24, 28, 35 or 55.
- Issued WQCs with conditions for NWP: 3, 5, 7, 13, 14, 22, 30, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 43, 45, 51, 53, 57, 58, and 59. These WQC conditions are incorporated as Regional Conditions and the Permittee is responsible for compliance as such.
- Issued a WQC with conditions and special conditions for NWP 27.
- Waived WQCs for NWP: 4, 6, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 29, 31, 32, 34, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 49, 50, 52, 54, 55, and 60 (A).

CZM: North Carolina Division of Coastal Management (NCDCM)

The CZMA consistency determination and all WQCs can be found at:
<https://www.sad.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/North-Carolina/#permitting>.