

Roadmap for Hatchery Permitting

Aquaculture Association Pre-Project Planning

Determine **location** of hatchery facility

Test **water** quality and flow rates (1 year worth of data necessary in some cases)

Seek to **secure water rights**. (Must have water rights
(at least temporary rights to submit hatchery permit))

Determine **species** to be reared and probable broodstock source

Determine **release site** if not hatchery location and water quality data for site

Request **Management Feasibility Analysis** (MFA) from ADF&G – MFA request includes: the location of the facility; the species desired for hatchery production; the run timing, by species; incubation and rearing levels desired (by species) at start-up and at full capacity.

ADF&G has 90 days to complete the MFA, which will include estimate of potential contributions to the common property fishery; potential size and location of a special harvest area; special management considerations or the need for additional studies; potential broodstock sources; assessment of production potentials for each species; and additional factors considered relevant to the proposed hatchery operation.

Financial Feasibility of program (Short and long-term funding sources)

Detailed statement of operational goals, objectives and plans for hatchery permit application

(Note: Some of the above items can be worked on simultaneously. PNP Coordinator and/or area management biologist may provide assistance in preparing an application or conducting related activities)



PNP Aquaculture Association formally adopts planned program



PNP Application Process

Submit PNP application (must include the completed MFA)

PNP Coordinator formally accepts application as complete,
135 day time period further broken down into two phases for processing application begins



Hatchery Permit Application Review – Schedule A (60 days)*

Division of Commercial Fisheries technical staff (i.e. geneticist, pathologist, fish culturist) reviews application and either submits comments to the PNP coordinator or requests additional information;

Department management and regional staffs review the application and either submits comments to PNP coordinator or requests additional information;

RPT reviews the application for compatibility with regional Comprehensive Salmon Plan and sends a recommendation to the commissioner;

Basic Management Plan (BMP) is drafted by department area staff, the applicant, and the PNP coordinator working together;



Issuance of Private Nonprofit Hatchery Permit – Schedule B (75 days)
(Public Participation, Finalization and Decision)

Public Hearing is scheduled and 30 day notice is published; completed application (includes the MFA) and draft BMP are provided;

Public Hearing is held – process concludes 15 days after oral hearing is held. The department to respond to specific objections (oral or written) within 10 working days after receipt.

BMP is finalized by applicant and PNP coordinator;

* If additional information is requested from the applicant by the PNP coordinator at any time during the review and approval process set out in 5 AAC 40.190, Schedule A, the remainder of the 60-day time period will be suspended until the requested information is received by the PNP coordinator and determined to be sufficient.



Review and Determination

The commissioner will review the application before rendering a decision (75 days).^

Application package submitted to the commissioner for review will include the recommendations from the regional planning team, recommendations resulting from the department's review, and the results of the public hearing regarding the proposed facility.

PNP Permit is either issued or denied by the commissioner;

^See Review and Determination regulations, 5 AAC 40.220, for commissioner's considerations.



Other Considerations and/or Permits

Permits/Agencies in this section are dependent upon the needs of the individual site and will vary
Not all permits/agencies might be listed

Financing secured (Dept. of Commerce or other)

Dept of Natural Resources
(Water reservations/instream flow)
(Tideland Leases)

Dept of Environmental Conservation
(Sewage and effluent permits)

Army Corp of Engineers
US Forest Service
US Park Service
US Bureau of Land Management
State of Alaska

Note: Items in this section can be worked on parallel to or in conjunction with the hatchery permit.