

LAKE TAHOE RGP PRESENTATION

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WHAT IS A REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT (RGP)?

A form of Department of Army authorization issued on a regional basis for a category or categories of activities where those activities are substantially similar in nature and cause only minimal individual and cumulative environmental impacts





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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF AN RGP?

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- Bulk of the permit evaluation is done when the RGP is established, so permit review times for specific projects are faster
- Permit conditions are developed for the specific region and known ahead of time; helps with consistency and project planning
- Special conditions can be added, as needed, for specific projects
- Water quality certifying authorities can tailor water quality certifications specific to the RGP
- RGPs are valid for 5 years from date of issuance





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OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED RGP

Activities the RGP would cover:

- Placement of new mooring buoys
- Relocation of existing mooring buoys
- Fish habitat mitigation (e.g. fish pyramids)
- Scientific measuring devices
- Pier installations, replacements, extensions or modifications where the only disturbance is piling installation or removal
- Boat lifts
- Crawfishing activities
- Mooring buoy field modification or expansion
- Maintenance of bulkheads or static revetments in existing/enclosed marinas (no deflection of wave action to other areas that would cause erosion)
- Dynamic revetment structures designed to actively deform in large waves (90th percentile) without structural compromise
- Aquatic invasive species non-chemical management activities (such as bottom sediment barriers)
- Fill activities (e.g.: for shoreline revetments, boulder relocation¹)
- Removal of structures
- Maintenance dredging activities that employ the suction dredging method that do not go beyond established lake bottom elevations





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Activities the RGP would **exclude**:

- Dredging activities in new areas and/or dredging using methods other than suction dredging unless for aquatic invasive species management
- Mining
- Excavation that is not associated with covered activities listed above
- Fill for beach replenishment
- Other regulated activity(ies) not identified above under “activities covered”





RGP DEVELOPMENT NEXT-STEPS



- Public Notice by mid-April for 30-day comment period
- USACE compiles a decision document addressing comments received and compliance with laws/regulations
- Water quality certifying authorities make water quality determinations
- USACE sends out public notice to announce RGP (if issued), including terms and conditions

QUESTIONS



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