



Department of State Lands
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**General Authorization Application For
Recreational Placer Mining Within Essential Salmon Habitat**

KEEP THIS AUTHORIZATION WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES WHEN YOU MINE.

Applicant Legal Name _____ **Phone Number** _____

Mailing Address _____ **E-mail Address** _____

Mining equipment to be used:

- Sluice Box Gold Pan High banker Suction Dredge with intake nozzle inside diameter of 4 inches or less

I have verified the waterways I will be working in are not designated as State Scenic Waterways.

I understand working in a State Scenic Waterway requires an Individual Permit.

I have verified the waterways I will be working in are not closed to recreational mining.

An application is hereby made for the activities listed in this document. By signing this application, I certify that this information is true, complete and accurate. By signing the application, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to all conditions listed on pages 2 and 3 of this application.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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By signature of the Department of State Lands' authority on this application, you are authorized to conduct recreational placer mining activities throughout the State of Oregon within the terms and conditions described in the General Authorization for Recreational Placer Mining within Essential Salmon Habitat (OAR 141-089-0820 through 0835).

Authorized Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Bill Ryan, Assistant Director
Wetlands and Waterways Conservation Division
Oregon Department of State Lands

APPLICANT MUST READ AND ACCEPT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS

Proposed projects eligible for this General Authorization must adhere to the following activity-specific conditions:

- (1) Responsible Party.** The person listed on this notification is the responsible party. The person listed on this notification is responsible for the activities covered by this General Authorization.
- (2) Volume and Location.** You may not remove/fill/alter more than 25 cubic yards of material per year from a stream designated as Essential Salmon Habitat and not more than 5 cubic yards per site. Impacts to waterways designated as State Scenic Waterways are not allowed under this General Authorization.
- (3) Copy of Signed Authorization Available for Inspection.** A copy of this General Authorization approved by the Department must be available at the work site whenever noticed activities are being conducted.
- (4) Site Access Required.** Employees of the Department and all authorized representatives must be permitted access to the project area at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspecting work performed under this General Authorization.
- (5) Archeological Resources.** If any archeological sites, resources or artifacts are discovered during construction, work must immediately cease and the State Historic Preservation Office must be contacted at 503-986-0674.
- (6) ODFW Fish Passage Requirement.** The noticed activity must meet Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife requirements for fish passage before the project is started (ORS 509.580 to 509.901 and OAR 635-412-0005 to 0040).
- (7) Hazards to Recreation, Navigation and Fishing.** The activity must be conducted so as not to unreasonably interfere with or create a hazard to recreational and commercial navigation and fishing.
- (8) Work Period in Jurisdictional Areas.** Fill or removal activities below the Ordinary High Water Line must be conducted [when recommended by ODFW](#), unless otherwise coordinated with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and approved in writing by DSL. Work is prohibited at any time when fish eggs are present within the reach where activities are being conducted.
- (9) Hazardous, Toxic, and Waste Material Handling.** Petroleum products, chemicals, fresh cement, sandblasted material and chipped paint, wood treated with leachable preservatives or other deleterious waste materials must not be allowed to enter waters of this state. Machinery refueling is to occur at least 150 feet from waters of this state and confined in a designated area to prevent spillage into waters of this state. Barges must have a containment system to effectively prevent petroleum products or other deleterious material from entering waters of this state. Project-related spills into waters of this state or onto land with a potential to enter waters of this state must be reported to the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) at 1-800-452-0311.
- (10) Raising or Redirecting Water.** The project must not cause water to rise or be redirected and result in damage to structures or property.

- (11) Waste Disposal.** Waste material generated by the activity must be disposed of in an appropriate disposal facility. There must be no temporary storage of waste material below top of bank, in any wetland, Federal Emergency Management Administration-designated floodway, or an area historically subject to landslides.
- (12) DSL May Halt or Modify.** DSL retains the authority to temporarily halt or modify the project in case of unforeseen damage to natural resources.
- (13) Temporary Dams.** This authorization holder may construct a temporary dam if it does not extend across entire width of the waterway and allow free passage of water in an amount sufficient to enable juvenile fish to travel unimpeded up/down the stream. Creates only minimal area of impounded water necessary to operate the dredge and is removed upon completion of mining activity.
- (14) Prevent Fish Stranding.** Upon completion of the activity at a given location, the responsible party must level all piles and fill all furrows, potholes and other depressions created by the activity.
- (15) Wet Perimeter.** The activity is confined to the wet perimeter. Authorization holders must operate in the wet perimeter which includes the area of the stream that is underwater or on an un-vegetated island that is surrounded on all sides by activity moving water at the time of the activity.
- (16) Disturbance of Woody Vegetation.** The activity does not disturb the streambank, including any rooted or embedded woody plants below the Ordinary High Water Line.
- (17) Fish Passage.** The activity does not divert a waterway or obstruct fish passage.
- (18) Minimization of Impounded Water.** The activity creates only the minimal area of impounded water necessary to operate the dredge, and the impoundment structure is removed immediately upon completion of the mining activity.
- (19) No Disturbance of Stream Structure.** No movement is allowed of boulders, logs, stumps or other woody material from within the wet perimeter other than movement by hand and non-motorized equipment.
- (20) Dredge Intake Nozzle Limited.** If a motorized suction dredge is used, it must have an intake nozzle that has an inside diameter not exceeding four inches.
- (21) Expiration.** This General Authorization permits only the activity described in the application and will remain in effect until December 31 following eligibility determination.
- (22) Annual Report Required.** By December 31 of each year, the responsible party must submit to the Department an annual report, on a form provided by the Department, the estimated amount of material filled, removed or moved in each specific waterway mined during the preceding calendar year. When no jurisdictional activity was conducted, the report must be submitted reporting zero cubic yards for the year. The year-end report form is enclosed.
- (23) Enforcement.** Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in cancellation of your authorization, a civil penalty and enforcement action.

General Information:

- Do not conduct recreational placer mining under this authorization in those waterways that are designated as a State Scenic Waterway. Do not conduct recreational placer mining under this authorization in those waterways that are U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management areas that are closed to mining.
- You must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations. Prior to initiating recreational placer mining, you should consult with affected local land use-planning agencies and public land-managing agencies.
- You may conduct recreational placer mining only within the wet perimeter of the stream or on dry gravel islands within the confines of the channel banks as provided in OAR 141-085-0510 and in accordance with OAR 141-089-0825 (eligibility requirements) and OAR 141-089-0835 (conditions of issuance). No work on channel side banks is allowed under this authorization.
- Year End Report Required: Complete a report at the end of the each in-water work period and send it to DSL prior to December 31 of each year that the General Authorization is valid.
- You may submit your report online at https://forms.dsl.state.or.us/lincdoc/?odsl.ga_placer_report
- Use one of the enclosed report forms and mail it to:

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To be eligible for future authorizations you must send us the annual report. If you did not conduct placer mining at any time during the previous year, for the amount of material excavated, write "0".

Other Agency Requirements and Contact Information:

Department of Environmental Quality

Please contact DEQ about water quality permitting, with exception for non-motorized/hand panning. Please see the DEQ's water quality permit program web page for metal mining activities at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/wqpermit/mining.htm> or call DEQ at 503-229-5696 or toll-free at 1-800-452-4011 to be dispatched to appropriate DEQ office.

Department of State Lands

If you have any questions regarding this General Authorization, please call the Department at (503) 986-5200.

For copies of this form and other placer mining information, visit our website at http://www.oregonstatelands.us/DSL/PERMITS/ga_placerinfo.shtml