

### **Regional Categorical Permission Alteration Description – 13. Fish Screens**

The Regional Categorical Permission covers fish screens, including cones, cylinders, drums, plates, and other designs, proposed for installation, modification, or replacement on water intake pipes. Associated facilities, such as maintenance structures, supports, and walkways, may be installed, modified, or replaced as well. The area of construction for fish screen support facilities must not exceed 5 acres.

When possible, fish screens should be positioned in the floodway to create a sweeping, eddy-free flow capable of moving fish and debris along and past the facility under all flow conditions.

Screens should be durable so that no individual component will detach from the structure or substructure of the screen during high-water events.

Screens must be equipped with a manual or automatic apparatus to remove sediment and debris. With either type of apparatus, screens should be periodically cleared of accumulated debris, which must be disposed of outside the limits of the project easement.

If heavy debris loading is anticipated, a trash rack should be installed in front of the screen. Screens must be designed to prevent them from being hazardous to recreational activities in the vicinity of the screens (e.g., boating and swimming).

If piles must be placed in the levee or the riverbank near the levee to support the fish screen structure or pipes, those piles must be auger cast to the bottom of the impervious layer in the levee foundation. Beyond that point, piles may be driven.

If screens are proposed for installation on existing intake pipes, the pipes must be inspected to ensure they are in good condition prior to retrofitting.

Maintenance requirements will vary depending on the type of equipment installed, but generally will include:

- Inspection of the screen and associated structure(s) for corrosion, wear, or other deterioration;
- Maintenance of mechanical components and seals, with repair or replacement, as needed;
- Checking the screen cleaning system for effectiveness;
- Debris and sedimentation removal; and
- Inspection of the area around the screen for erosion and scour.

## Regional Categorical Permission Alteration Checklist – 13. Fish Screens

**Note:** The following checklist is intended for planning purposes only, and includes information that USACE reviewers look for when considering a Section 408 request for fish screens under the Regional Categorical Permission. To be reviewed under the Regional Categorical Permission, the proposed project must adhere to all requirements of the Regional Categorical Permission, including the full alteration description (see previous page). The plans and narrative project description should reflect this information.

<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement	<input type="checkbox"/> Modification	<input type="checkbox"/> Authorize Existing
Maximum total area of construction for fish screen support facilities is five acres:			<input type="checkbox"/>
Reference: [ Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report. ]			
Comment: [ Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc. ]			
Screen(s) will be equipped with a manual or automatic apparatus to remove sediment and debris:			<input type="checkbox"/>
Reference: [ Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report. ]			
Comment: [ Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc. ]			
Screen(s) will be designed to prevent them from being hazardous to recreational activities in the vicinity of the screens (e.g., boating and swimming):			<input type="checkbox"/>
Reference: [ Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report. ]			
Comment: [ Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc. ]			
If piles must be placed in the levee or the riverbank near the levee to support the fish screen structure or pipes, those piles will be auger cast to the bottom of the impervious layer in the levee foundation:			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Reference: [ Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report. ]			
Comment: [ Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc. ]			
If screens are proposed on existing intake pipes, the pipes have been inspected to ensure that they are in good condition prior to retrofitting:			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Reference: [ Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report. ]			
Comment: [ Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc. ]			
Hydraulic blockage calculation $\geq 1\%$ ?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Reference: [ Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report. ]			
Comment: [ Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc. ]			
Hydraulic model used for hydraulic analysis?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Reference: [ Click to enter document source. Example – plan sheet (p. 4), specs, report. ]			
Comment: [ Click to enter rationale, explanation, unique situation, etc. ]			

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### RCP Eligibility Review

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Add'l. Info Requested</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Reviewer:	Date: <small>Click date</small>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering Reviewer:	Date: <small>Click date</small>