



WASHINGTON STATE

Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) Form^{1,2} [\[help\]](#)

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US Army Corps
of Engineers
Seattle District

AGENCY USE ONLY

Date received: _____

Agency reference #: _____

Tax Parcel #(s): _____

Part 1–Project Identification

1. Project Name (A name for your project that you create. Examples: Smith's Dock or Seabrook Lane Development) [\[help\]](#)

Cuneo Backyard Fence

Part 2–Applicant

The person and/or organization responsible for the project. [\[help\]](#)

2a. Name (Last, First, Middle)

Cuneo, James

2b. Organization (If applicable)

2c. Mailing Address (Street or PO Box)

5438 E Mercer Way

2d. City, State, Zip

Mercer Island, WA 98040

2e. Phone (1)

2068808879

2f. Phone (2)

2g. Fax

2h. E-mail

jdcuneo@gmail.com

¹Additional forms may be required for the following permits:

- If your project may qualify for Department of the Army authorization through a Regional General Permit (RGP), contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for application information (206) 764-3495.
- Not all cities and counties accept the JARPA for their local Shoreline permits. If you need a Shoreline permit, contact the appropriate city or county government to make sure they accept the JARPA.

²To access an online JARPA form with [\[help\]](#) screens, go to <https://www.oria.wa.gov/jarpa-forms>.

For other help, contact the Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance at (800) 917-0043 or help@oria.wa.gov.

Part 3—Authorized Agent or Contact

Person authorized to represent the applicant about the project. (Note: Authorized agent(s) must sign 11b of this application.) [\[help\]](#)

3a. Name (Last, First, Middle)			
Same as above			
3b. Organization (If applicable)			
3c. Mailing Address (Street or PO Box)			
3d. City, State, Zip			
3e. Phone (1)	3f. Phone (2)	3g. Fax	3h. E-mail

Part 4—Property Owner(s)

Contact information for people or organizations owning the property(ies) where the project will occur. Consider both **upland and aquatic** ownership because the upland owners may not own the adjacent aquatic land. [\[help\]](#)

- Same as applicant. (Skip to Part 5.)
- Repair or maintenance activities on existing rights-of-way or easements. (Skip to Part 5.)
- There are multiple upland property owners. Complete the section below and fill out JARPA Attachment A for each additional property owner.
- Your project is on Department of Natural Resources (DNR)-managed aquatic lands. If you don't know, contact the DNR at (360) 902-1100 to determine aquatic land ownership. If yes, complete JARPA Attachment E to apply for the Aquatic Use Authorization.

4a. Name (Last, First, Middle)			
4b. Organization (If applicable)			
4c. Mailing Address (Street or PO Box)			
4d. City, State, Zip			
4e. Phone (1)	4f. Phone (2)	4g. Fax	4h. E-mail

Part 5—Project Location(s)

Identifying information about the property or properties where the project will occur. [\[help\]](#)

- There are multiple project locations (e.g. linear projects). Complete the section below and use [JARPA Attachment B](#) for each additional project location.

5a. Indicate the type of ownership of the property. (Check all that apply.) [help]			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Publicly owned (state, county, city, special districts like schools, ports, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – managed aquatic lands (Complete JARPA Attachment E)			
5b. Street Address (Cannot be a PO Box. If there is no address, provide other location information in 5p.) [help]			
5438 E Mercer Way			
5c. City, State, Zip (If the project is not in a city or town, provide the name of the nearest city or town.) [help]			
Mercer Island, WA 98040			
5d. County [help]			
King			
5e. Provide the section, township, and range for the project location. [help]			
¼ Section	Section	Township	Range
NE	19	24	5
5f. Provide the latitude and longitude of the project location. [help]			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Example: 47.03922 N lat. / -122.89142 W long. (Use decimal degrees - NAD 83) 			
47.55356 N lat / -122.21021 W long.			
5g. List the tax parcel number(s) for the project location. [help]			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The local county assessor's office can provide this information. 			
1924059149			
5h. Contact information for all adjoining property owners. (If you need more space, use JARPA Attachment C.) [help]			
Name	Mailing Address		Tax Parcel # (if known)
NOTHSTEIN, DONALD	5436 96TH AVE SE		1438700090
	Mercer Island, WA 98040		
SCHRIDER, ARNOLD	5444 E Mercer Way		1924059266
	Mercer Island, WA 98040		

5i. List all wetlands on or adjacent to the project location. [\[help\]](#)

None

5j. List all waterbodies (other than wetlands) on or adjacent to the project location. [\[help\]](#)

The property is on the shoreline of Lake Washington. There are no other waterbodies, watercourses, or buffer zones nearby.

5k. Is any part of the project area within a 100-year floodplain? [\[help\]](#)

Yes No Don't know

5l. Briefly describe the vegetation and habitat conditions on the property. [\[help\]](#)

The backyard where the fence is installed is primarily a grass lawn, along with scattered shrubs and trees. No landscaping or plants were removed, other than a patch of English Ivy (a noxious weed), which we replaced with grass.

5m. Describe how the property is currently used. [\[help\]](#)

It is the backyard of our house. The space is primarily used for family activities and other activities commonly engaged by families in their backyard.

5n. Describe how the adjacent properties are currently used. [\[help\]](#)

Same. The adjacent properties are our neighbors' backyards.

5o. Describe the structures (above and below ground) on the property, including their purpose(s) and current condition. [\[help\]](#)

On the property is an existing single-family home and carport. No changes were made to existing structures. This exemption application is for an iron fence, which has a maximum height of 47 inches. The fence has posts every 8 feet, which are secured in the ground by cement. The fence extends from the back of our house towards Lake Washington, running along the North and South boundaries of our property and ending on each side just before our bulkhead to Lake Washington.

5p. Provide driving directions from the closest highway to the project location, and attach a map. [\[help\]](#)

Take E Mercer Way exit from I-90; continue on E Mercer Way 2.3 miles; turn left into driveway.

Part 6—Project Description

6a. Briefly summarize the overall project. You can provide more detail in 6b. [\[help\]](#)

We installed a fence in the backyard of our home, extending from the back of our house along the property lines on the North and South ends and ending just before our bulkhead to Lake Washington. Prior to installation, we engaged a professional surveyor to survey our property, and we installed the fence approximately 6 inches inside of the property line. The fence is iron and has posts every 8 feet, which are secured in the ground with cement. The maximum height of the fence is 47 inches. No landscaping or plants were removed, other than a patch of English Ivy (a noxious weed), which we replaced with grass.

6b. Describe the purpose of the project and why you want or need to perform it. [\[help\]](#)

This home is our primary residence, and the fence is essential to the safety of our children and dogs.

6c. Indicate the project category. (Check all that apply) [\[help\]](#)

- Commercial
 Residential
 Institutional
 Transportation
 Recreational
 Maintenance
 Environmental Enhancement

6d. Indicate the major elements of your project. (Check all that apply) [\[help\]](#)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Culvert | <input type="checkbox"/> Float | <input type="checkbox"/> Retaining Wall (upland) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Stabilization | <input type="checkbox"/> Dam / Weir | <input type="checkbox"/> Floating Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Road |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat House | <input type="checkbox"/> Dike / Levee / Jetty | <input type="checkbox"/> Geotechnical Survey | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific Measurement Device |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Launch | <input type="checkbox"/> Ditch | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Clearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Stairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Lift | <input type="checkbox"/> Dock / Pier | <input type="checkbox"/> Marina / Moorage | <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Dredging | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulkhead | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Outfall Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buoy | <input type="checkbox"/> Ferry Terminal | <input type="checkbox"/> Piling/Dolphin | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Channel Modification | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishway | <input type="checkbox"/> Raft | |

Other:

6e. Describe how you plan to construct each project element checked in 6d. Include specific construction methods and equipment to be used. [help]

- Identify where each element will occur in relation to the nearest waterbody.
- Indicate which activities are within the 100-year floodplain.

The project involved the installation of a fence in our backyard. The fence has two segments: (1) one extends from the NE corner of our house, along the Northern property boundary and ending just before the preexisting bulkhead to Lake Washington and (2) the second section extends from the SE corner of the house, along the Southern property boundary and ending just before the bulkhead.

Prior to installation, we engaged a professional surveyor to survey our property, and we installed the fence approximately 6 inches inside of the property line. Alpine Fencing installed the fence and sold us the materials.

The fence is iron and has posts every 8 feet, which are secured in the ground with cement. The maximum height of the fence is 47 inches. No landscaping or plants were removed, other than a patch of English Ivy (a noxious weed), which we replaced with grass.

There are no floodplains, wetlands, watercourses, or buffer zones within the area of the project. The property is on Lake Washington, and the fence ends a few feet before Ordinary High Water Mark of Lake Washington.

6f. What are the anticipated start and end dates for project construction? (Month/Year) [help]

- If the project will be constructed in phases or stages, use [JARPA Attachment D](#) to list the start and end dates of each phase or stage.

Start Date: 8/2025

End Date: 8/2025

See JARPA Attachment D

6g. Fair market value of the project, including materials, labor, machine rentals, etc. [help]

\$14,000

6h. Will any portion of the project receive federal funding? [help]

- If yes, list each agency providing funds.

Yes No Don't know

Part 7–Wetlands: Impacts and Mitigation

- Check here if there are wetlands or wetland buffers on or adjacent to the project area.
(If there are none, skip to Part 8.) [help]

7a. Describe how the project has been designed to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to wetlands. [help]

Not applicable

There are no wetlands or buffer zones, which I confirmed through research and reviewing GIS maps and other sources. Skip to question 8.

7b. Will the project impact wetlands? [\[help\]](#)

Yes No Don't know

7c. Will the project impact wetland buffers? [\[help\]](#)

Yes No Don't know

7d. Has a wetland delineation report been prepared? [\[help\]](#)

- If Yes, submit the report, including data sheets, with the JARPA package.

Yes No

7e. Have the wetlands been rated using the Western Washington or Eastern Washington Wetland Rating System? [\[help\]](#)

- If Yes, submit the wetland rating forms and figures with the JARPA package.

Yes No Don't know

7f. Have you prepared a mitigation plan to compensate for any adverse impacts to wetlands? [\[help\]](#)

- If Yes, submit the plan with the JARPA package and answer 7g.
- If No, or Not applicable, explain below why a mitigation plan should not be required.

Yes No Don't know

7g. Summarize what the mitigation plan is meant to accomplish, and describe how a watershed approach was used to design the plan. [\[help\]](#)

7h. Use the table below to list the type and rating of each wetland impacted, the extent and duration of the impact, and the type and amount of mitigation proposed. Or if you are submitting a mitigation plan with a similar table, you can state (below) where we can find this information in the plan. [\[help\]](#)

Activity (fill, drain, excavate, flood, etc.)	Wetland Name ¹	Wetland type and rating category ²	Impact area (sq. ft. or Acres)	Duration of impact ³	Proposed mitigation type ⁴	Wetland mitigation area (sq. ft. or acres)

- ¹ If no official name for the wetland exists, create a unique name (such as "Wetland 1"). The name should be consistent with other project documents, such as a wetland delineation report.
- ² Ecology wetland category based on current Western Washington or Eastern Washington Wetland Rating System. Provide the wetland rating forms with the JARPA package.
- ³ Indicate the days, months or years the wetland will be measurably impacted by the activity. Enter "permanent" if applicable.
- ⁴ Creation (C), Re-establishment/Rehabilitation (R), Enhancement (E), Preservation (P), Mitigation Bank/In-lieu fee (B)

Page number(s) for similar information in the mitigation plan, if available: _____

7i. For all filling activities identified in 7h, describe the source and nature of the fill material, the amount in cubic yards that will be used, and how and where it will be placed into the wetland. [\[help\]](#)

7j. For all excavating activities identified in 7h, describe the excavation method, type and amount of material in cubic yards you will remove, and where the material will be disposed. [\[help\]](#)

Part 8—Waterbodies (other than wetlands): Impacts and Mitigation

In Part 8, "waterbodies" refers to non-wetland waterbodies. (See Part 7 for information related to wetlands.) [\[help\]](#)

Check here if there are waterbodies on or adjacent to the project area. (If there are none, skip to Part 9.)

8a. Describe how the project is designed to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to the aquatic environment. [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable

The only waterbody is Lake Washington. There are no other watercourses or other waterbodies on or adjacent to the property, and the fence is completely outside of any buffer zones. I confirmed this through research, including the GIS map portal and other sources.

The project has no impact on the aquatic environment given its very small footprint and the fact that it ends before our bulkhead to Lake Washington. The fence is under 48 inches, which is expressly permitted by the code within the 25 foot setback of Lake Washington (see exemption application for citations).

8b. Will your project impact a waterbody or the area around a waterbody? [\[help\]](#)

Yes No

8c. Have you prepared a mitigation plan to compensate for the project's adverse impacts to non-wetland waterbodies? [help]

- If Yes, submit the plan with the JARPA package and answer 8d.
- If No, or Not applicable, explain below why a mitigation plan should not be required.

Yes No Don't know

The fence has no impact on the aquatic environment given its very small footprint and the fact that it ends before our bulkhead to Lake Washington. The fence is under 48 inches, which is expressly permitted by the code within the 25 foot setback of Lake Washington (see MICC 19.13.050, Table C).

8d. Summarize what the mitigation plan is meant to accomplish. Describe how a watershed approach was used to design the plan.

- If you already completed 7g you do not need to restate your answer here. [help]

Not applicable. There is no impact.

8e. Summarize impact(s) to each waterbody in the table below. [help]

Activity (clear, dredge, fill, pile drive, etc.)	Waterbody name ¹	Impact location ²	Duration of impact ³	Amount of material (cubic yards) to be placed in or removed from waterbody	Area (sq. ft. or linear ft.) of waterbody directly affected
No impact – N/A					

¹ If no official name for the waterbody exists, create a unique name (such as "Stream 1") The name should be consistent with other documents provided.

² Indicate whether the impact will occur in or adjacent to the waterbody. If adjacent, provide the distance between the impact and the waterbody and indicate whether the impact will occur within the 100-year flood plain.

³ Indicate the days, months or years the waterbody will be measurably impacted by the work. Enter "permanent" if applicable.

8f. For all activities identified in 8e, describe the source and nature of the fill material, amount (in cubic yards) you will use, and how and where it will be placed into the waterbody. [help]

N/A

8g. For all excavating or dredging activities identified in 8e, describe the method for excavating or dredging, type and amount of material you will remove, and where the material will be disposed. [\[help\]](#)

N/A

8h. Have you prepared a Water Quality Monitoring Plan (WQMP) for all in-water work (below ordinary high water), over water work or discharges to waters of the state?

Yes No

If NO describe the monitoring that you will be conducting including parameters, equipment and locations, or explain why monitoring will not be necessary. [\[help\]](#)

N/A

Part 9–Additional Information

Any additional information you can provide helps the reviewer(s) understand your project. Complete as much of this section as you can. It is ok if you cannot answer a question.

9a. If you have already worked with any government agencies on this project, list them below. [\[help\]](#)

Agency Name	Contact Name	Phone	Most Recent Date of Contact
City of Mercer Island	Grace Manahan	206-275-7764	9/25/2025 (city changed their position and told us a shoreline exemption was required)
City of Mercer Island	Permitting Office	(206) 275-7605	7/25/2025 (city told us no permitting or filing was required)

9b. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies identified in Part 7 or Part 8 of this JARPA on the Washington Department of Ecology's 303(d) List? [\[help\]](#)

- If Yes, list the parameter(s) below.
- If you don't know, use Washington Department of Ecology's Water Quality Assessment tools at: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-improvement/Assessment-of-state-waters-303d>.

Yes No

My research indicates that the entirety of Lake Washington is on the 303(d) list. As stated above, the fence ends several feet before the lake's ordinary high water mark and has no impact.

9c. What U.S. Geological Survey Hydrological Unit Code (HUC) is the project in? [\[help\]](#)

- Go to <http://cfpub.epa.gov/surf/locate/index.cfm> to help identify the HUC.

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9d. What Water Resource Inventory Area Number (WRIA #) is the project in? [\[help\]](#)

- Go to <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-supply/Water-availability/Watershed-look-up> to find the WRIA #.

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9e. Will the in-water construction work comply with the State of Washington water quality standards for turbidity? [\[help\]](#)

- Go to <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Freshwater/Surface-water-quality-standards/Criteria> for the standards.

Yes No Not applicable

9f. If the project is within the jurisdiction of the Shoreline Management Act, what is the local shoreline environment designation? [\[help\]](#)

- If you don't know, contact the local planning department.
- For more information, go to: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Shoreline-coastal-management/Shoreline-coastal-planning/Shoreline-laws-rules-and-cases>.

Urban Natural Aquatic Conservancy Other: _____

9g. What is the Washington Department of Natural Resources Water Type? [\[help\]](#)

- Go to <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/forest-practices-water-typing> for the Forest Practices Water Typing System.

Shoreline Fish Non-Fish Perennial Non-Fish Seasonal

9h. Will this project be designed to meet the Washington Department of Ecology's most current stormwater manual? [\[help\]](#)

- If No, provide the name of the manual your project is designed to meet.

Yes No

Name of manual: This question does not apply to the project. It is only a fence with no impact on the lake.

9i. Does the project site have known contaminated sediment? [\[help\]](#)

- If Yes, please describe below.

Yes No

9j. If you know what the property was used for in the past, describe below. [\[help\]](#)

Single-family home

9k. Is the project located in or adjacent to a designated state or federal contaminated site or clean-up site. (e.g. MTCA or CERCLA)?

- If Yes, provide any additional details below.

Yes No

9l. Has a cultural resource (archaeological) survey been performed on the project area? [\[help\]](#)

- If Yes, attach it to your JARPA package.

Yes No

9m. Name each species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act that occurs in the vicinity of the project area or might be affected by the proposed work. [help]

None will be impacted by the fence.

9n. Name each species or habitat on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Priority Habitats and Species List that might be affected by the proposed work. [help]

None will be impacted by the fence.

Part 10–SEPA Compliance and Permits

Use the resources and checklist below to identify the permits you are applying for.

- Online Project Questionnaire at <http://apps.oria.wa.gov/opas/>.
- Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance at (800) 917-0043 or help@oria.wa.gov.
- For a list of addresses to send your JARPA to, click on [agency addresses for completed JARPA](#).

10a. Compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). (Check all that apply.) [help]

- For more information about SEPA, go to <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/SEPA-environmental-review>.

A copy of the SEPA determination or letter of exemption is included with this application.

A SEPA determination is pending with _____ (lead agency). The expected decision date is _____.

I am applying for a Fish Habitat Enhancement Exemption. (Check the box below in 10b.) [help]

This project is exempt (choose type of exemption below).

Categorical Exemption. Under what section of the SEPA administrative code (WAC) is it exempt?
WAC 173-27-040(2)(g)

Other: _____

SEPA is pre-empted by federal law.

10b. Indicate the permits you are applying for. (Check all that apply.) [help]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Government Shoreline permits:

- Substantial Development Conditional Use Variance
 Shoreline Exemption Type (explain): Shoreline Exemption under WAC 173-27-040

Other City/County permits:

- Floodplain Development Permit Critical Areas Ordinance

STATE GOVERNMENT

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife:

- Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) Fish Habitat Enhancement Exemption – Attach Exemption Form

Washington Department of Natural Resources:

- Aquatic Use Authorization
Complete JARPA Attachment E and submit a check for \$25 payable to the Washington Department of Natural Resources.
Do not send cash.

Washington Department of Ecology:

- Section 401 Water Quality Certification
 Authorization to impact waters of the state, including wetlands (Check this box if the proposed impacts are to waters not subject to the federal Clean Water Act)

FEDERAL AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

United States Department of the Army (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers):

- Section 404 (discharges into waters of the U.S.) Section 10 (work in navigable waters)

United States Coast Guard:

For projects or bridges over waters of the United States, contact the U.S. Coast Guard at:

- Bridge Permit: D13-SMB-D13-BRIDGES@uscg.mil
 Private Aids to Navigation (or other non-bridge permits): D13-SMB-D13-PATON@uscg.mil

United States Environmental Protection Agency:

- Section 401 Water Quality Certification (discharges into waters of the U.S.) on tribal lands where tribes do not have treatment as a state (TAS)

Tribal Permits: (Check with the tribe to see if there are other tribal permits, e.g., Tribal Environmental Protection Act, Shoreline Permits, Hydraulic Project Permits, or other in addition to CWA Section 401 WQC)

- Section 401 Water Quality Certification (discharges into waters of the U.S.) where the tribe has treatment as a state (TAS).

Part 11—Authorizing Signatures

Signatures are required before submitting the JARPA package. The JARPA package includes the JARPA form, project plans, photos, etc. [\[help\]](#)

11a. Applicant Signature [\[help\]](#)

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided in this application is true, complete, and accurate. I also certify that I have the authority to carry out the proposed activities, and I agree to start work only after I have received all necessary permits.

I hereby authorize the agent named in Part 3 of this application to act on my behalf in matters related to this application. _____ (initial)

By initialing here, I state that I have the authority to grant access to the property. I also give my consent to the permitting agencies entering the property where the project is located to inspect the project site or any work related to the project. JC (initial)

James Cuneo
Applicant Printed Name

James Cuneo
Applicant Signature

10-24-2025
Date

11b. Authorized Agent Signature [\[help\]](#)

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided in this application is true, complete, and accurate. I also certify that I have the authority to carry out the proposed activities and I agree to start work only after all necessary permits have been issued.

Authorized Agent Printed Name

Authorized Agent Signature

Date

11c. Property Owner Signature (if not applicant) [\[help\]](#)

Not required if project is on existing rights-of-way or easements (provide copy of easement with JARPA).

I consent to the permitting agencies entering the property where the project is located to inspect the project site or any work. These inspections shall occur at reasonable times and, if practical, with prior notice to the landowner.

Property Owner Printed Name

Property Owner Signature

Date

18 U.S.C §1001 provides that: Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact or makes any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both.

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