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Bureau of Resource Protection – Wetlands Program

WPA Form 3A - Notice of Intent for an Ecological Restoration Project

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Project Type

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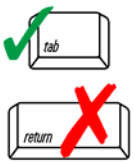

Check the Ecological Restoration type that applies:

☐ 1. Dam Removal

☐ 2. Freshwater Stream Crossing Repair and Replacement*

☐ 3. Stream Daylighting

☐ 4. Tidal Restoration

☐ 5. Rare Species Habitat Restoration

☐ 6. Restoring Fish Passageways

Eligibility Criteria:

☐ I am applying for a Restoration Order of Conditions and meet the General Eligibility Criteria [310 CMR 10.13(1)] as described in Section C1 and the Additional Eligibility Criteria for this Ecological Restoration Project type [310 CMR 10.13(2) through (7)] as described in Section C2.

☐ This Notice of Intent includes the required supporting documents as specified in [310 CMR 10.11, 10.12] and outlined in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 respectively. The NOI also includes a signed Certification of Eligibility in Section G. Signatures and Submittal Requirements.

A. General Information

1. Project Location:

a. Street Address

b. City/Town

c. Zip Code

Latitude and Longitude*:

d. Latitude

e. Longitude

f. Assessors Map/Plat Number

g. Parcel/Lot Number

2. Applicant:

a. First Name

b. Last Name

c. Organization

** If the Ecological Restoration Project involves work on a stream crossing, baseline photo-points that capture longitudinal views of the crossing inlet, the crossing outlet and the upstream and downstream channel beds during low flow conditions. The latitude and longitude coordinates of the photo-points shall be included in the baseline data.*

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A. General Information (cont.)

d. Street Address

e. City/Town | f. State | g. Zip Code

h. Phone Number | i. Fax Number | j. Email Address

3. Property Owner (required if different from applicant): ☐ Check and attach list if more than one owner

a. First Name | b. Last Name

c. Organization

d. Street Address

e. City/Town | f. State | g. Zip Code

h. Phone Number | i. Fax Number | j. Email Address

4. Representative (if any):

a. First Name | b. Last Name

c. Organization

d. Street Address

e. City/Town | f. State | g. Zip Code

h. Phone Number | i. Fax Number | j. Email Address

5. Total WPA Fee Paid (from NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form): Category 2 - $500

a. Total Fee Paid | b. State Fee Paid | c. City/Town Fee Paid

6. Property recorded at the Registry of Deeds for:

a. County | b. Certificate # (if registered land)

c. Book | d. Page Number

7. Project Narrative: Describe the project's ecological restoration goals and how it furthers at least one of the interests of the Wetland Protection Act (WPA) M.G.L. c. 131, § 40.

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B. Resource Area Impacts (Temporary & Permanent)

For all projects affecting other Resource Areas, please attach a narrative explaining how the resource area was delineated.

1. ☐ **Inland Resource Areas**: (See 310 CMR 10.54-10.58)

Resource Area	Size of Proposed Alteration	Proposed Replacement (if any)
a. ☐ Bank	1. linear feet	2. linear feet
b. ☐ Bordering Vegetated Wetland	1. square feet	2. square feet
c. ☐ Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways	1. square feet	2. square feet
	3. cubic yards dredged	
d. ☐ Bordering Land Subject to Flooding	1. square feet	2. square feet
	3. cubic feet of flood storage lost	4. cubic feet replaced
e. ☐ Isolated Land Subject to Flooding	1. square feet	
	2. cubic feet of flood storage lost	3. cubic feet replaced
f. ☐ Riverfront Area	1. Name of Waterway (if available) - **specify inland or coastal**	
2. Proposed alteration of the riverfront area:		a. total square feet

2. ☐ **Coastal Resource Areas:** (see 310 CMR 10.25-10.35)

Check all that apply below. **For coastal riverfront area, see B.1.f. above.**

Resource Area	Size of Proposed Alteration	Proposed Replacement (if any)
a. ☐ Designated Port Areas	Indicate size under Land Under the Ocean, below	
b. ☐ Land Under the Ocean	1. square feet	
	2. cubic yards dredged	
c. ☐ Barrier Beach**	Indicate size under Coastal Beaches and/or Coastal Dunes below	
d. ☐ Coastal Beaches	1. square feet	2. cubic yards beach nourishment
e. ☐ Coastal Dunes**	1. square feet	2. cubic yards dune nourishment

** *Note: No armoring of a Coastal Dune or Barrier Beach is permitted.*

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B. Resource Area Impacts (Temporary & Permanent) (cont.)

Resource Area	Size of Proposed Alteration	Proposed Replacement (if any)
f. ☐ Coastal Banks	1. linear feet	
g. ☐ Rocky Intertidal Shores	1. square feet	
h. ☐ Salt Marshes	1. square feet	2. sq ft restoration, rehab., creation
i. ☐ Land Under Salt Ponds	1. square feet 2. cubic yards dredged	
j. ☐ Land Containing Shellfish	1. square feet	
k. ☐ Fish Runs	Indicate size under Coastal Banks, inland Bank, Land Under the Ocean, and/or inland Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways, above 1. cubic yards dredged	
l. ☐ Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage	1. square feet	

3. ☐ **Restoration/Enhancement**

In addition to the square footage that has been entered in Section B1.b for BVW and B 2.h for Salt Marsh above, please enter the additional amount here for restoration/enhancement.

a. Identify the appropriate resource area(s) type/name	Square feet or linear feet
b. Identify the appropriate resource area(s) type/name	Square feet or linear feet

C. Ecological Restoration Project Description

1. Check each box below to confirm that the project complies with each Eligibility Criteria required to obtain a Restoration Order of Conditions and provide the appropriate documentation.

☐ This project will have no short term or long-term adverse effects on Estimated Habitat sites of Rare Species located within resource areas that may be affected by the project or will be carried out according to a habitat management plan approved by NHESP.

☐ The project avoids and minimizes adverse impacts to Resource Areas and the interests identified in the WPA, without impeding the achievement of the ecological restoration goals

☐ The project will utilize best management practices to prevent and minimize adverse impacts to Resource Areas and the WPA interests.

☐ This Project will cause NO significant adverse effects on the interests of flood control and storm damage prevention in relation to the built environment (i.e., the project will not result in a significant increase in flooding or storm damage affecting buildings, wells, septic systems, roads or other man-made structures or infrastructure) **and** documentation on how this is achieved.

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C. Ecological Restoration Project Description (cont.)

- ☐ If the Project involves the dredging of 100 cubic yards of sediment or more or dredging in an ORW, a 401 Water Quality Certification is required and attached. Requires a 401 Water Quality Certification.

- ☐ The Project will not substantially reduce the capacity of a Resource Area to serve the wildlife habitat functions identified in 310 CMR 10.60(2). A project will be **presumed** to meet this eligibility criteria if the NOI will be carried out in accordance with any Time of Year (TOY) restrictions or other conditions recommended by the DMF for coastal waters, and by the DFW for inland waters in accordance with 310 CMR 10.11(3), (4) and (5). A NOI for an Ecological Restoration Project that meets the requirements of 310 CMR 10.12(1) and (2) it ***is exempt from performing a wildlife habitat evaluation.***

- ☐ If the project involves work on a **stream crossing**, the stream crossing has been designed in accordance with 310 CMR 10.24(10) for work in coastal resource areas and 310 CMR 10.53(8) for work in inland resource areas, as applicable. See additional requirements below for Freshwater Stream Crossing Repair and Replacement Projects.

- ☐ The project will not result in a discharge of dredged or fill material within 400 feet of the high water mark of a Class A surface water (exclusive of its tributaries) unless the project is conducted by a public water system under 310 CMR 22.00 or a public agency or authority for the maintenance or repair of existing public roads or railways in accordance with 314 CMR 4.06(1)(d)1.

- ☐ The project will not result in a discharge of dredged or fill material to a vernal pool certified by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW).

- ☐ The project will not result in a point source discharge to an Outstanding Resource Water.

- ☐ The project will not involve the armoring of a Coastal Dune or Barrier Beach.

- ☐ Describe in detail the project plan for invasive species prevention and control.

- ☐ Provide any TOY restrictions and/or other conditions recommended by the Division of Marine Fisheries or the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in accordance with 310 CMR 10.11(3), (4) and (5) with attached copies of their written determinations.

- ☐ If the project involves the construction, repair, replacement or expansion of infrastructure, a proposed operation and maintenance plan is provided to ensure that the infrastructure will continue to function as designed;

2. Check each box as appropriate to confirm that the project complies with the Eligibility Criteria required for this Ecological Restoration Project type.

Dam Removal

- ☐ The Ecological Restoration Project is a dam removal project. The project meets the eligibility criteria set forth in 310 CMR 10.13(1)(d).

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C. Ecological Restoration Project Description (cont.)

☐ The Project **is** consistent with the MassDEP guidance entitled *Dam Removal and the Wetlands Regulations*, dated December 2007, and meets the eligibility criteria set forth in 310 CMR 10.13(1).

☐ The Project is NOT consistent with MassDEP's guidance entitled Dam Removal and the Wetlands Regulations, dated December 2007 and meets the eligibility criteria set forth in 310 CMR 10.13(1).

☐ The project will not involve the removal of a dam that was constructed or is managed for flood control by a municipal, state or federal agency.

☐ The project will not adversely impact public water supply wells or water withdrawals permitted or registered under the Water Management Act, M.G.L. c. 21G, and 310 CMR 36.00 within the reach of the stream impacted by the impoundment.

☐ The project will not adversely impact private water supply wells including agricultural or aquacultural wells or surface water withdrawal points.

☐ The project provides for the removal of the full vertical extent of the dam such that no remnant of the dam will remain at or below the streambed as determined prior to commencement of the dam removal project, or if such determination cannot be made at that time, as determined during construction of the project.

☐ The project provides for the removal of enough of the horizontal extent of the dam such that after removal no water will be impounded during the 500 year flood event.

☐ The project will not involve a hydroelectric facility requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license.

☐ The applicant has obtained from the Department of Conservation and Recreation Office of Dam Safety a written determination in accordance to the General Applicability requirements prior to submitting this NOI.

☐ If the project is exempt from the requirement to obtain a license or permit under 310 CMR 9.05(3)(n), the project will not have an adverse effect on navigation or on any docks, piers or boat ramps authorized under 310 CMR 9.00.

Freshwater Stream Crossing Repair and Replacement (310 CMR 10.13(3))

☐ The Ecological Restoration Project is a freshwater stream crossing repair or replacement project. In addition to the eligibility criteria set forth in 310 CMR 10.13(1), the project meets all of the following eligibility criteria that will meet the MA Stream Crossing (SC) Standards that is completely described below or in the attached:

☐ The width of the structure will be at least 1.2 times bankfull width to facilitate the movement of fish and other aquatic organisms and wildlife species that may utilize riparian corridors.

☐ The structure will be an open-bottom span where practicable or if an open-bottom span is not practicable, the structure bottom will be embedded in a substrate that matches the substrate of the stream channel and that shall be designed to maintain continuity of aquatic and benthic elements of the stream including appropriate substrates and hydraulic characteristics within the culvert (water depths, slope, turbulence, velocities, and flow patterns).

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- ☐ The structure will have an Openness Ratio of at least 0.82 feet, or as close to 0.82 feet as is practicable.
- ☐ The project includes considerations for site constraints in meeting the SC standards, undesirable effects or risk in meeting the standard, the environmental benefit of meeting the standard compared to the cost in evaluating:
  - ☐ The potential for downstream flooding
  - ☐ Upstream and downstream habitat (in-stream habitat, wetlands);
  - ☐ Potential for erosion and head-cutting;
  - ☐ Stream stability;
  - ☐ Habitat fragmentation caused by the crossing;
  - ☐ The amount of stream mileage made accessible by the improvements;
  - ☐ Storm flow conveyance;
  - ☐ Engineering design constraints specific to the crossing;
  - ☐ Hydrologic constraints specific to the crossing;
  - ☐ Impacts to wetlands that would occur by improving the crossing;
  - ☐ Potential to affect property and infrastructure; and
  - ☐ Cost of replacement.

Stream Daylighting

- ☐ The Ecological Restoration Project is a stream daylighting project. In addition to the eligibility criteria set forth in 310 CMR 10.13(1), the project meets all of the following eligibility criteria and is completely described narrative below/attached:
  - ☐ The project will meet the applicable performance standards for Bank, 310 CMR 10.54, and Land Under Water Bodies and Waterways, 310 CMR 10.56. As set forth in 10.12(3), a person submitting a Notice of Intent that meets the requirements of 310 CMR 10.12 (1) and (2) for a stream daylighting project is exempt from the requirement to perform a wildlife habitat evaluation in accordance with 310 CMR 10.60, notwithstanding the provisions of 310 CMR 10.54(4)(a)5., 310 CMR 10.56(4)(a)4., and 310 CMR 10.60.
  - ☐ To the maximum extent practicable, the project is designed to include the revegetation of all disturbed areas with noninvasive indigenous species appropriate to the site.

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C. Ecological Restoration Project Description (cont.)

Tidal Restoration Project (310 CMR 10.13(5))

☐ The Ecological Restoration Project is a Tidal Restoration Project designed to restore tidal flow that has been restricted or blocked by a man-made structure. In addition to the eligibility criteria set forth in 310 CMR 10.13(1), the project meets all of the following eligibility criteria that is completely described below or in the attached:

- ☐ If the project will involve work in a Coastal Dune and/or a Coastal Beach, the project meets the applicable performance standard(s) at 310 CMR 10.27 and/or 10.28.
- ☐ The project will not include a new or relocated tidal inlet/breach through a Barrier Beach or additional armoring of a Barrier Beach, but may include the modification, replacement or enlargement of an existing culvert or inlet through a Barrier Beach.
- ☐ The project will not involve installation of new water control devices (i.e., tide gates, flash boards and adjustable weirs) or a change in the management of existing water control devices, when the existing or proposed function of said devices is to prevent flooding or storm damage impacts to the built environment, including without limitation, buildings, wells, septic systems, roads or other man-made structures or infrastructure.
- ☐ The project's physical specifications are compatible with passage requirements for diadromous fish runs identified at the project location by the Division of Marine Fisheries.
- ☐ Did the project include considerations for site constraints in meeting the SC standards, undesirable effects or risk in meeting the standard, the environmental benefit of meeting the standard compared to the cost in evaluating:
  - ☐ The potential for downstream flooding
  - ☐ Upstream and downstream habitat (in-stream habitat, wetlands);
  - ☐ Potential for erosion and head-cutting;
  - ☐ Stream stability;
  - ☐ Habitat fragmentation caused by the crossing;
  - ☐ The amount of stream mileage made accessible by the improvements;
  - ☐ Storm flow conveyance;
  - ☐ Engineering design constraints specific to the crossing;
  - ☐ Hydrologic constraints specific to the crossing;
  - ☐ Impacts to wetlands that would occur by improving the crossing;
  - ☐ Potential to affect property and infrastructure; and

C. Ecological Restoration Project Description (cont.)

☐ Cost of replacement.

Rare Species Habitat Restoration (310 CMR 10.13(6))

☐ The Ecological Restoration Project is a Rare Species habitat restoration project. In addition to the eligibility criteria set forth in 310 CMR 10.13(1), the project meets all of the following eligibility criteria that is completely described below or in the attached:

☐ The project is exempt from review under 321 CMR 10.00 as a project that involves the active management of Rare Species habitat for the purpose of maintaining or enhancing the habitat for the benefit of Rare Species. A project that involves the active management of Rare Species habitat and is exempt from review under 321 CMR 10.00 may include without limitation the mowing, cutting, burning or pruning of vegetation or the removal of exotic or invasive species.

☐ The project is carried out in accordance with a Habitat Management Plan that has been approved in writing by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program and submitted with this Notice of Intent.

Restoring Fish Passageways (310 CMR 10.13(7))

☐ The Ecological Restoration Project involves the restoration or repair of a fish passageway as identified by the Division of Marine Fisheries in its Marine Fisheries Technical Reports, TR 15 through 18, dated 2004. In addition to the eligibility criteria set forth in 310 CMR 10.13(1), the project meets all of the following eligibility criteria that is completely described below or in the attached:

☐ Proof of submission of a Fishway Permit Application to the Division of Marine Fisheries, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 130, §§ 1 and 19, and 322 CMR 7.01(4)(f) and (14)(m); and

☐ The fish passageway will be operated and maintained in accordance with an Operation and Maintenance Plan approved by the Division of Marine Fisheries.

D. Other Applicable Standards and Requirements

A person submitting a Notice of Intent for an Ecological Restoration Project that meets the requirements of 310 CMR 10.12(1) and (2) and that contains either a written determination from the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP) that the project will have no short or long term adverse effects on the habitat of the local population of state-listed species, or a Conservation and Management Permit issued by NHESP pursuant to the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) Regulations at 321 CMR 10.00 for the project, or a habitat management plan for the project approved in writing by NHESP, will be deemed to have satisfied the requirements in 310 CMR 10.37 and 310 CMR 10.59 of sending the Notice of Intent for the same project for a determination by NHESP. For the purposes of this guidance, the “same project” means either there have been no changes to the project reviewed by NHESP in making its determination or that any subsequent changes to the project since the initial review by NHESP have been reviewed and approved in writing by NHESP.

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D. Other Applicable Standards and Requirements (cont.)

Compliance with the above NHESP-related requirements may be demonstrated by providing the following applicable documentation. See Appendix 1 for a complete description of these requirements. Check the applicable box below.

☐ The project is not within Estimated Habitat of State-Listed Rare Wetlands Wildlife as shown on the most recent Estimated Habitat Maps of State-Listed Rare Wetlands Wildlife published by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

☐ The NHESP has issued the attached written determination that the project will have no short or long term adverse effects on the habitat of the local population of state-listed species.

☐ The NHESP has issued the attached written approval of the attached habitat management plan for this project, which makes it an eligible Rare Species habitat restoration project under 310 CMR 10.13(6).

☐ The NHESP has issued pursuant to the MESA Regulations at 321 CMR 10.00 the attached Conservation and Management Permit for this project.

☐ There have been no changes to the project reviewed by NHESP in making its determination, or if so, any subsequent changes to the project have been reviewed and approved in writing by NHESP and attached hereto.

1. For coastal projects only, is any portion of the proposed project located below the mean high water line or in a fish run?

   a. ☐ Not applicable – project is in inland resource area only

   b. ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, include proof of mailing, hand delivery, or electronic delivery of written determination to either:

   South Shore – Cohasset to Rhode Island border, and the Cape & Islands:
   Division of Marine Fisheries –
   South Coast Field Station
   Attn: Environmental Reviewer
   1213 Purchase Street – 3rd Floor
   New Bedford, MA 02740-6694
   Email: DMF.EnvReview-South@state.ma.us

   North Shore – Hull to New Hampshire border:
   Division of Marine Fisheries –
   North Shore Field Station
   Attn: Environmental Reviewer
   30 Emerson Avenue
   Gloucester, MA 01930
   Email: DMF.EnvReview-North@state.ma.us

2. Is any portion of the proposed project within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)?

   a. ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, provide name of ACEC (see instructions to WPA Form 3 or MassDEP website for ACEC locations).

   b. ACEC

3. Is any portion of the proposed project within an area designated as an Outstanding Resource Water (ORW) as designated in the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, 314 CMR 4.00?

   a. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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D. Other Applicable Standards and Requirements (cont.)

4. Is any portion of the site subject to a Wetlands Restriction Order under the Inland Wetlands Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40A) or the Coastal Wetlands Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 130, § 105)?

   a. ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Is this project subject to provisions of the MassDEP Stormwater Management Standards?

   a. ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, attach a copy of the Stormwater Report as required by the Stormwater Management Standards per 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k)-(q) and check if:

   ☐ Proprietary BMPs are included in the Stormwater Management System.

6. ☐ If the Ecological Restoration Project involves the construction, repair, replacement or expansion of infrastructure, an operation and maintenance plan has been submitted to ensure that the infrastructure will continue to function as designed.

7. ☐ The project involves the dredging of 100 cubic yards or more of sediment, or dredging of any amount in an Outstanding Resource Water, and a Water Quality Certification issued by the Department pursuant to 314 CMR 9.00 is attached.

8. ☐ The Ecological Restoration Project involves work on a stream crossing. Sufficient information has been provided to demonstrate that the design meets the requirements in 310 CMR 10.24(10) for work in coastal resources, and 310 CMR 10.53 (8) for work in an inland resource area.

E. Additional Information

Check each box for required documents that are attached to this Notice of Intent (NOI). See instructions for details.

1. ☐ Maps and Plans identifying the location of proposed activities relative to the boundaries of each affected resource area [http://www.mass.gov/anf/research-and-tech/it-serv-and-support/application-serv/office-of-geographic-information-massgis/datalayers/nwi.html]

2. ☐ List the titles and dates for all plans and other materials submitted with this NOI.

   a. Plan Title

   b. Prepared By

   c. Signed and Stamped by

   d. Final Revision Date

   e. Scale

   f. Additional Plan or Document Title

   g. Date

3. ☐ Attach proof of Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program written determination, if needed.
4. ☐ Attach proof of mailing for Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Time of Year written determination, if needed.

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E. Additional Information (cont.)

5. ☐ Attach NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form.

6. ☐ Attach Stormwater Report, if needed.

F. Fees

1. ☐ Fee Exempt: No filing fee shall be assessed for projects of any city, town, county, or district of the Commonwealth, federally recognized Indian tribe housing authority, municipal housing authority, or the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

   Applicants must submit the following information (in addition to pages 1 and 2 of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form) to confirm fee payment:

2. Municipal Check Number	3. Check date
4. State Check Number	5. Check date
6. Payor Name on Check: First Name	7. Payor Name on Check: Last Name

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G. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

Certification of Ecological Restoration Project Notice of Intent

I hereby certify under penalties of perjury that **the Ecological Restoration Project Notice of Intent application meets the Eligibility Criteria set forth in 310 CMR 10.13.** I also certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this Notice of Intent application and that the accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are to the best of my knowledge and belief true, complete, and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the proposed activities.

I understand that the Conservation Commission will place notification of this Notice in a local newspaper at the expense of the applicant in accordance with the wetlands regulations, 310 CMR 10.05(5)(a).

I further certify under penalties of perjury that all abutters were notified of this application, pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 131, § 40. Notice must be made by Certificate of Mailing or in writing by hand delivery or certified mail (return receipt requested) to all abutters within 100 feet of the property line of the project location.

1. Signature of Applicant or Authorized Agent

2. Printed Name of Applicant or Authorized Agent

3. Date

4. Signature of Property Owner (if different)

5. Date

6. Signature of Representative (if any)

7. Date

The certification must be signed by the applicant; however, it may be signed by a duly authorized agent (named in Item 6) if this form is accompanied by a statement by the applicant designating the agent and agreeing to furnish upon request, supplemental information in support of the application

For Conservation Commission:
Two copies of the completed Notice of Intent (Form 3), including supporting plans and documents, two copies of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form, and the city/town fee payment, to the Conservation Commission by certified mail or hand delivery.

For MassDEP:
One copy of the completed Notice of Intent (Form 3), including supporting plans and documents, one copy of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form, and a **copy** of the state fee payment to the MassDEP Regional Office (see Instructions) by certified mail or hand delivery.

Other:
The original and copies must be sent simultaneously. Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Notice of Intent.

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Appendix 1: Ecological Restoration Notice of Intent (WPA 3a) - Required Actions (310 CMR 10.11)

Complete the Required Actions before submitting a Notice of Intent Application for an Ecological Restoration Project and submit a completed copy of this Checklist with the Notice of Intent.

☐ **Environmental Monitor /Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA)**
http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/mepa/submitting-notices-to-the-environmental-monitor.html

☐ Submit written notification at least 14 days **prior** to the filing of a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the *Environmental Monitor* for publication. A copy of the written notification is attached and provides at minimum:

- ☐ A brief description of the proposed project.
- ☐ The anticipated NOI submission date to the conservation commission.
- ☐ The name and address of the conservation commission that will review the NOI.
- ☐ Specific details as to where copies of the NOI may be examined or acquired **and** where to obtain the date, time, and location of the public hearing.

☐ **Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) /Wetlands Protection Act Review**

- ☐ Preliminary Massachusetts Endangered Species Act Review from the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) has been met and the written determination is attached.
  - ☐ Supplemental Information for Endangered Species Review has been submitted.

1. ☐ Percentage/acreage of property to be altered:
   a. Within Wetland Resource Area _____ Percentage/acreage
   b. Outside Wetland Resource Area _____ Percentage/acreage
2. ☐ Assessor's Map or right-of-way plan of site
3. ☐ Project plans for entire project site, including wetland resource areas and areas outside of wetlands jurisdiction, showing existing and proposed conditions, existing and proposed tree/vegetation clearing line, and clearly demarcated limits of work.
4. ☐ Project description (including description of impacts outside of wetland resource area & buffer zone)
5. ☐ Photographs representative of the site
6. ☐ MESA filing fee (fee information available at http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/regulatory_review/mesa/mesa_fee_schedule.htm)

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Appendix 1: Ecological Restoration Notice of Intent (WPA 3a) - Required Actions (310 CMR 10.11)

Make check payable to "Commonwealth of Massachusetts - NHESP" and mail to NHESP:

Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program
MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife
1 Rabbit Hill Road
Westborough, MA 01581

7. Projects altering 10 or more acres of land, also submit:

   a. ☐ Vegetation cover type map of site

   b. ☐ Project plans showing Priority & Estimated Habitat boundaries

OR Check One of the Following:

1. ☐ Project is exempt from MESA review.

Attach applicant letter indicating which MESA exemption applies. (See 321 CMR 10.14, http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/natural-heritage/regulatory-review/mass-endangered-species-act-mesa/; the NOI must still be sent to NHESP if the project is within estimated habitat pursuant to 310 CMR 10.37 and 10.59 – see C4 below)

2. ☐ Separate MESA review ongoing.

   a. NHESP Tracking # _____ b. Date submitted to NHESP _____

3. ☐ Separate MESA review completed. Include copy of NHESP "no Take" determination or valid Conservation & Management Permit with approved plan.

☐ **Estimated Habitat Map of State-Listed Rare Wetlands Wildlife**

If a portion of the proposed project is located in **Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife** as indicated on the most recent Estimated Habitat Map of State-Listed Rare Wetland Wildlife published by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP), complete the portion below. To view habitat maps, see the **Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas** or view the maps electronically at: http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/natural-heritage/regulatory-review

☐ A preliminary written determination from Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) must be obtained indicating that:

- ☐ Project will NOT impact an area located within estimated habitat indicated on the most recent Estimated Habitat Map of State-Listed Rare Wetlands Wildlife published by *NHESP.*
- ☐ Project will impact an area located within estimated habitat indicated on the most recent Estimated Habitat Map of State-Listed Rare Wetlands Wildlife published by NHESP. A copy of NHESP's written preliminary determination in accordance with 310 CMR 10.11(2) is attached. This specifies:
  - ☐ Date of the map: _____

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- ☐ If the Rare Species identified is/are likely to continue to be located on or near the project, and if so, whether the Resource Area to be altered is in fact part of the habitat of the Rare Species.
- ☐ That if the project alters Resource Area(s) within the habitat of a Rare Species:
  - ☐ The Rare Species is identified;
  - ☐ NHESP's recommended changes or conditions necessary to ensure that the project will have **no** short or long term adverse effect on the habitat of the local population of the Rare Species is provided; **or**
  - ☐ An approved NHESP habitat management plan is attached with this Notice of Intent.

Send the request for a preliminary determination to:
Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program
MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife
1 Rabbit Hill Road
Westborough, MA 01581

☐ **Division of Marine Fisheries**

- ☐ If the project will occur within a coastal waterbody with a restricted Time of Year, [see Appendix B of the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) Technical Report TR 47 "Marine Fisheries Time of Year Restrictions (TOYs) for Coastal Alteration Projects" dated April 2011 http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/regulatory/StateGeneralPermits/NEGP/MADMFTR-47.pdf].
- ☐ Obtain a DMF written determination stating:
  - ☐ The proposed work does NOT require a TOY restriction.
  - ☐ The proposed work requires a TOY restriction. Specific recommended TOY restriction and recommended conditions on the proposed work is attached.
- ☐ If the project may affect a diadromous fish run [re: Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) Technical Reports TR 15 through 18, dated 2004: http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dmf/publications/technical.html]

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☐ Obtain a DMF written determination stating:

☐ The design specifications and operational plan for the project are compatible with the passage requirements of the fish run.

☐ The design specifications and operational plan for the project are not compatible with the passage requirements of the fish run.

Send the request for a written determination to**:**

South Shore – Cohasset to Rhode Island border, and the Cape & Islands:
Division of Marine Fisheries –
South Coast Field Station
Attn: Environmental Reviewer
1213 Purchase Street – 3rd Floor
New Bedford, MA 02740-6694
Email: DMF_EnvReview.South@state.ma.us

North Shore – Hull to New Hampshire border:

Division of Marine Fisheries –
North Shore Field Station
Attn: Environmental Reviewer
30 Emerson Avenue
Gloucester, MA 01930
Email: DMF_EnvReview.North@state.ma.us

☐ **Division of Fisheries and Wildlife –** http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/

☐ Projects that involve silt-generating, in-water work that will impact a non-tidal perennial river or stream and the in-water work will ***not*** occur between May 1 and August 30.

☐ Obtain a written determination from the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) as to whether the proposed work requires a TOY restriction.

☐ The proposed work does NOT require a TOY restriction.

☐ The proposed work requires a TOY restriction. The DFW determination with TOY restriction and other conditions is attached.

☐ **MassDEP Water Quality Certification**

☐ Project involves dredging of 100 cubic yards or more in a Resource Area or dredging of any amount in an Outstanding Resource Water (ORW). A copy and proof of the MassDEP Water Quality Certification pursuant to 314 CMR 9.00 is attached to the NOI.

☐ This project is a Combined Permit Application for 401 Dredging and Restoration (BRP WW 26).

☐ **MassDEP Wetlands Restriction Order**

Is any portion of the site subject to a Wetlands Restriction Order under the Inland Wetlands Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40A) or the Coastal Wetlands Restriction Act (M.G.L. c. 130, § 105)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ **Department of Conservation and Recreation**

Office of Dam Safety

☐ For Dam Removal Projects, obtain a written determination from the Department of Conservation and Recreation Office of Dam Safety that the dam is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Office under 302 CMR 10.00, a written determination that the dam removal does not require a permit under 302 CMR 10.00 or a permit authorizing the dam removal in accordance with 302 CMR 10.00 has been issued.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs)

Is any portion of the proposed project within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, provide name of ACEC (see instructions to WPA Form 3 or MassDEP Website for ACEC locations).

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Appendix 2: Ecological Restoration Notice of Intent (WPA 3a) - Minimum Required Documents (310 CMR 10.12)

Complete the Required Documents Checklist below and provide supporting materials before submitting a Notice of Intent Application for an Ecological Restoration Project.

☐ This Notice of Intent meets all applicable requirements outlined in for Ecological Restoration Projects in 310 CMR 10.12. Use the checklist below to insure that all documentation is included with the NOI.

At a minimum, a Notice of Intent for an Ecological Restoration Project shall include the following:

☐ Description of the project's ecological restoration goals;

☐ The location of the Ecological Restoration Project;

☐ Description of the construction sequence for completing the project;

☐ A map of the Areas Subject to Protection Under M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, that will be temporarily or permanently altered by the project or include habitat for Rare Species, Habitat of Potential Regional and Statewide Importance, eel grass beds, or Shellfish Suitability Areas.

☐ The method for BVW and other resource area boundary delineations (MassDEP BVW Field Data Form(s), Determination of Applicability, Order of Resource Area Delineation, etc.) is attached with documentation methodology.

☐ List the titles and dates for all plans and other materials submitted with this NOI.

a. Plan Title

b. Prepared by

c. Signed and Stamped by

d. Final Revision Date

e. Scale

f. Additional Plan or Document Title

g. Date

☐ If there is more than one property owner, attach a list of these property owners not listed on this form.

☐ Attach NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form.

☐ An evaluation of any flood impacts that may affect the built environment, including without limitation, buildings, wells, septic systems, roads or other man-made structures or infrastructure as well as any proposed flood impact mitigation measures;

☐ A plan for invasive species prevention and control;

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- ☐ The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program written determination in accordance with 310 CMR 10.11(2), if needed;
- ☐ Any Time of Year restrictions and/or other conditions recommended by the Division of Marine Fisheries or the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in accordance with 310 CMR 10.11(3), (4), (5), if needed;
- ☐ Proof that notice was published in the *Environmental Monitor* as required by 310 CMR 10.11(1;
- ☐ A certification by the applicant under the penalties of perjury that the project meets the eligibility criteria set forth in 310 CMR 10.13;
- ☐ If the Ecological Restoration Project involves the construction, repair, replacement or expansion of infrastructure, an operation and maintenance plan to ensure that the infrastructure will continue to function as designed;
- ☐ If the project involves dredging of 100 cubic yards or more or dredging of any amount in an Outstanding Resource Water, a Water Quality Certification issued by the Department pursuant to 314 CMR 9.00;
- ☐ If the Ecological Restoration Project involves work on a stream crossing, information sufficient to make the showing required by 310 CMR 10.24(10) for work in a coastal resource area and 310 CMR 10.53(8) for work in an inland resource area; and
- ☐ If the Ecological Restoration Project involves work on a stream crossing, baseline photo-points that capture longitudinal views of the crossing inlet, the crossing outlet and the upstream and downstream channel beds during low flow conditions. The latitude and longitude coordinates of the photo-points shall be included in the baseline data.
- ☐ This project is subject to provisions of the MassDEP Stormwater Management Standards. A copy of the Stormwater Report as required by the Stormwater Management Standards per 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k)-(q) is attached.
- ☐ Provide information as the whether the project has the potential to impact private water supply wells including agricultural or aquacultural wells or surface water withdrawal points.