



Other considerations

TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Traditionally maintained channels have been excavated multiple times. However, maintenance work may still uncover archaeological artifacts. Oregon protects archaeological objects and sites of cultural importance to tribes that may be within submerged and submersible lands. Additional information is available at <https://oda.fyi/ArchaeologicalSites>.

FISH PASSAGE

It is state law to provide fish passage in all waters of the state that were historically or are presently occupied by native migratory fish. For more information, go to <https://oda.fyi/FishPassage>.

CONSERVATION PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

A valid Notice does not qualify you for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs and may make you ineligible. If you are a USDA Farm Bill Program participant or are interested in USDA Programs, please contact your local USDA Service Center. Find contact information at <https://oda.fyi/FSALocator>.

Who to contact

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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OREGON DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS

Contact the aquatic resource coordinator by county: 503.986.5200 or through the staff directory at <https://oda.fyi/DSLStaffList>.

OREGON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

<https://oda.direct/SWCDDirectory>

Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance Program



Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance Program
Oregon Department of Agriculture
635 Capitol St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

<https://oda.direct/AgChannel>





Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance (ADCM) Program

What is the ADCM Program?

The ADCM Program regulates maintenance of agricultural drainage channels to protect aquatic resources.

Landowners and water districts that want to maintain their channels can request a Notice from the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA).

What is a notice?

For eligible channels, the Notice is a user-friendly, fast, and free alternative to permits from the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL). Once a Notice is valid, it is good for five years.

Landowners and water districts must have a valid Notice or DSL permit prior to maintaining most channels.

What channels are eligible?

Ditches and streams may be eligible for a Notice if the channel:

- Has been **historically maintained** and **could have provided drainage** within the past five years;
- Is **dry** at the time of work;
- Is **not designated** as essential salmonid habitat (ESH). For information, go to <https://oda.fyi/ESHPermits>.

Are there requirements?

Yes. There are mandatory conditions for timing of work, equipment use, and treatment of vegetation to protect the ecological functions of the channel and adjacent, undisturbed wetlands.

Can I request a deviation from the process?

ODA provides three ways to request a change from the process.

VARIANCE

You can request a variance from the mandatory conditions. ODA must approve a variance before work can begin. A Variance Request can be submitted with a Notice when the need for a variance is anticipated.

EXPEDITED REVIEW

When an emergency occurs, you can request an expedited review. An emergency is a natural or human-caused circumstance that poses an immediate threat to public health, safety, or substantial property.

ESH REVIEW

If you disagree with an ESH designation, you can request a review. This process will take some time and a decision may not be made until the next maintenance season.

