

# Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance

## Form to request review of Essential Indigenous Anadromous Salmonid Habitat (ESH) designation

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The Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance Program at the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) provides a streamlined notification process to maintain drainage of agricultural lands while also protecting fish and wildlife habitat. Work is limited to traditionally maintained channels.

This program does not apply to streams designated as Essential Indigenous Anadromous Salmonid Habitat (ESH). ESH is habitat designated by the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) as especially important to protect salmonid species during spawning and rearing.

However, a landowner or water district may request a review of the ESH designation for channels that would otherwise qualify for the maintenance program. This request would initiate a process to review the information supporting the ESH designation to determine if a change in the designation is warranted. The form is attached and also available at: <https://oda.direct/AgChannelMaintenance>.

If ODA determines the request to be eligible for review based on the information provided, ODA will consult with DSL and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The agencies may require additional documentation for review and request a site visit.

Please note that submission of this eligibility screening form does not guarantee a change to the ESH designation. In addition, the process could take more than a year to complete.

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#### Oregon Department of State Lands

Contact the Aquatic Resource Coordinator by county, 503.986.5200, [www.oregon.gov/dsl/WW/Pages/WWStaff.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/dsl/WW/Pages/WWStaff.aspx)

#### Oregon Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs)

<https://oda.direct/SWCDDirectory>

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# ESH Review Request Form

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## For agency use only

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Unique Feature ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date to ODFW: \_\_\_\_\_

Connected to ESH (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ ODA Notice #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose of Request:** Remove existing ESH designation \_\_\_\_\_ Designate new channel as ESH \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Responsible Person(s)/Party(ies): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Water District (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell : \_\_\_\_\_ Home (if different from cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of channel** for which you are seeking a change. See <https://ormap.net/gis/index.html> for help creating Legal Description. Use decimal degree format for latitude & longitude values (e.g. DD.ddddddd, -DDD.ddddddd).

Name of Waterbody: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Address/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description: Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Section ¼ ¼ \_\_\_\_\_ Tax lot(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude/longitude: Upstream End \_\_\_\_\_ Downstream End \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach at least one photo** showing the channel condition(s) that warrants a review of ESH designation.

**Answer** these questions as best you can. Contact ODA or DSL for help (information below).

- Based on your knowledge, during which months does the channel flow or have standing water?  
J \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ J \_\_\_ J \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ O \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ D \_\_\_
- Is there a barrier (e.g., culvert, head cut, etc.) or water control structure (e.g., dam, irrigation cutoff, tide gate, etc.) within, upstream, or downstream of the channel that may block fish passage?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't Know \_\_\_  
If yes, provide photo documentation and a brief description of the barrier and its location.
- Has the channel been diverted and/or screened at an upstream point of diversion?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't Know \_\_\_
- Is there a downstream connection to another channel (e.g., does the channel drain into another channel) or do floodwaters from another river or stream access this channel in some winters?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't Know \_\_\_
- What is the basis for the observation supporting the change?  
Visual observation \_\_\_ Protocol based survey with fish observation \_\_\_  
Non-protocol based survey with fish observation \_\_\_ Protocol based survey with habitat observation \_\_\_  
Modeled habitat \_\_\_ Professional opinion \_\_\_  
Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe additional conditions that make this channel unsuitable/inaccessible, **OR** suitable/accessible salmon habitat.