

Roles of Licensing and Permitting Agencies

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Agency	Permit or Authorization	Purpose	Authority
1. Federal Agencies			
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	Hydrokinetic Pilot Project License	Responsible for siting and operation of hydrokinetic testing facilities	Federal Power Act
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Incidental Take Authorization (terrestrial species)	Protection and recovery of threatened and endangered species	Federal Endangered Species Act
National Marine Fisheries Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incidental Take Authorization (marine species) Marine Mammal Permit (non-listed marine mammals) 	Protection and recovery of threatened and endangered species and marine mammals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Endangered Species Act Marine Mammal Protection Act
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 10 Permit Section 404 permit (if waters of the U.S. are dredged or filled) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for use of navigable waterways Protect water quality and wetlands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rivers and Harbors Act Clean Water Act
U.S. Coast Guard	Private Aids to Navigation	Responsible for siting of navigation aids in coastal waters	33 CFR 66 – Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
2. State Agencies			
California Coastal Commission	Coastal Development Permit	Responsible for development in the Coastal Zone; ensures public access to the Coastal Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Coastal Act Coastal Zone Management Act
California State Lands Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submerged Lands Lease California Environmental Quality Act Certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leasing of state-owned submerged lands Responsible development of projects on state submerged lands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submerged Lands Act/California Public Resources Code Section 6702 California Environmental Quality Act
California Department of Fish and Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incidental Take Authorization Streambed Alteration Agreement (if stream crossing) 	Protection and recovery of threatened and endangered species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Endangered Species Act California Fish and Game Code, Section 1603
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 401 Water Quality Certification Waste discharge requirements (if waters of the state) General National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permits for construction and operation 	Protect and manage water quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Clean Water Act Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act
California Office of Historic Preservation	Section 106 compliance review	Protect and manage historic properties and other cultural resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Historic Preservation Act California Environmental Quality Act
3. Local Agencies			
Humboldt County	Encroachment Permit	Responsible for siting and construction of facilities in public roadways	Humboldt County Code

Other Non-Permitting Interested Governmental Agencies and Entities

Federal Agencies

- U.S. Department of Energy, National Renewable Energy Laboratory – Funded WaveConnect™ Project design and permitting, fosters renewable energy development
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

State Agencies

- California Public Utilities Commission – Funded WaveConnect Project design and permitting, regulates Investor-Owned Utilities such as PG&E
- California Ocean Protection Council – Conducts research and formulates policy focused on protecting California's marine resources
- California Energy Commission – Fosters renewable energy development and conservation in California

Local Entities

- Humboldt State University, College of Natural Resources and Sciences – Conducts research on Humboldt County coastal resources
- Humboldt State University, Schatz Energy Research Center – Promotes the use of clean and renewable energy, conducts research on renewables.
- California Coastal Conservancy
- City of Eureka
- Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District

Native American Tribes

