



Jason Smith, PWS

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM MANAGER

Jason brings 22 years of extensive project management experience in scope, schedule, budget, quality and risk and environmental analysis. He spent 20 years with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) as the chief environmental official managing 10 south central county regions and the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Mega Project's environmental services division. In this position, Jason was the federal and state designated lead official under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), as well as the lead official on all permits and approvals for over 30 different federal, state and tribal laws and inter-related mitigation and roadside plans.

He has completed or overseen the completion of over 1,500 projects of varying sizes and complexities. This experience, combined with his project management skills, allows him to effectively identify environmentally-based project risks and opportunities to create risk management and opportunity maximizing strategies. The end result is a continuous effort to minimize the effect of environmental actions on projects' critical paths. He gained extensive knowledge about collaborating with multiple federal and state agencies under the joint NEPA environmental assessment (EA) and NEPA/SEPA environmental impact statement (EIS). This includes 4(f) and 6(f) evaluations, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Tribes, complex Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultations and permitting.

Jason was one of the main personnel involved in the creation of WSDOT's construction and maintenance compliance environmental program and has been recognized by WSDOT, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State legislature and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) for his contributions to innovative emergency response to floods and landslides.

EDUCATION/QUALIFICATIONS

BA, Planning/Environmental Resource Management with minors in Environmental Studies and Botany, Central Washington University

REGISTRATIONS/ CERTIFICATIONS

- Professional Wetland Scientist (2015)
- Certified Erosion Sediment Control Lead (CESCL) and SPCC Planning, 1996 - Present
- FHWA Slope Maintenance and Slide Restoration Training, 1997
- FHWA Stream Stability and Scour at Highway Bridges, 1997
- WTI Wetland Policy, Delineation, Field Practicum, 1994-1995
- WSDOT Trainer Environmental Compliance in Construction
- WSDOT Trainer Environmental Documentation and Permitting
- Conflict Management/Trained Total Quality Management Facilitator

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Forterra Kittitas County Board of Trustees
- Kittitas County Flood Hazard Technical Advisory Group
- Flood Hazard Citizen Advisory Group