

Federal Navigable Waters in Washington State

Body of Water and Location	Navigable	Non-navigable	REMARKS
Bachelor Island Slough	X		Side channel of Columbia River. Mouth 14 miles S of Vancouver, WA (tidal).
Baker Bay	X		Part of Columbia Estuary. Chinook to Ilwaco (including West Channel).
Bear Creek		X	At mile 0.8.
Bear River	X		Flows into Willapa Bay. Navigable to head of tidewater, about 4 miles above mouth.
Big Beef Harbor	X		(Hood Canal) Navigable to mouth of Big Beef Creek (tidal).
Bingen Channel	X		Columbia River, Bonneville Pool Backwater.
Birnie Slough	X		Side channel of Columbia River. 1 mile S of Cathlamet on Puget Island (tidal).
Bogachiel River		X	Tributary of Quillayute River.
Brooks Slough		X	Tributary of Skamokawa Creek. Mouth at Skamokawa.
Budd Inlet	X		Puget Sound. Near Olympia.
Burke Slough	X		Side channel of Columbia River. Mouth 5 miles upstream from Kalama (tidal).
Burnt Bridge Creek		X	Southwestern Clark County; originates Mill Plains area, 7 miles to Vancouver Lake.
Capitol Lake	X		Near Olympia. Formed by dam at mouth of Deschutes River.
Carr Inlet	X		Puget Sound. Pierce County.
Carrol's Channel	X		Side channel of Columbia River near Longview (tidal).
Case Inlet	X		Puget Sound. Mason County.
Cathlamet Channel	X		Side channel of Columbia River at Cathlamet (tidal).
Cedar River	X		Flows into Lake Washington at Renton. Navigable to mile 1.3.
Chambers Creek		X	Flows into Puget Sound near Steilacoom. See Steilacoom Waterway.
Charlton Channel	X		Navigable to mile 4.
Chehalis River	X		Flows into Grays Harbor. Navigable to mile 68.
Chelan, Lake		X	Only outlet is Chelan River.
Chelan River		X	Tributary of Columbia River. Navigable at mile 0.05 (Columbia River backwater).
Chinook River	X		Flows into Baker Bay. Mouth 3 miles E of Ilwaco (tidal). Navigable to mile 0.6.

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Coalcreek Slough	X		Tributary of Columbia River, mouth 10 miles downstream from Longview.
Columbia River	X		Navigable for entire distance in the United States.
Columbia River Reservoir	X		From Grand Coulee Dam to Canadian border (see Lake Roosevelt).
Coweeman River	X		Tributary of Cowlitz River. Mouth at Longview. Navigable at mile 4.
Cowlitz River	X		Tributary of Columbia River. Mouth at Longview. Navigable to mile 34.
Deep River	X		Tributary of Columbia River. Mouth 7 miles NE of Astoria, OR (tidal). Navigable to mile 5.
Dell Creek		X	Tributary of Naselle River near Naselle.
Deschutes Basin			See Capitol Lake.
Deschutes River		X	Flows into Capitol Lake at Olympia. Coast Guard considers non-navigable at mile 11.
Diablo Lake		X	Skagit River.
Dickey River	X		Flows into Quillayute River near La Push. Navigable to head of tidewater 1 mile above mouth.
Duck Creek		X	Tributary of Elochman River.
Dungeness River		X	Flows into Strait of Juan de Fuca at Dungeness.
Duwamish River			River mouth is considered the head of West Waterway, Seattle Harbor, about 0.3 mile downstream of the Spokane Street Bridge. The head of navigation is the mouth of Black River, former outlet of Lake Washington. This is also the approximate head of the tide and the point of which the Duwamish becomes the Green. See also Green River.
Ebey Slough	X		Side channel of Snohomish River North of Everett.
Edison Slough	X		Flows into Samish Bay (tidal).
Elochoman River	X		Tributary of Columbia River. Flows into Elochoman Slough (tidal at mile 3).
Elochoman Slough	X		Side channel of Columbia River at Cathlamet (tidal).
Elwell Creek		X	Tributary of Skyomish River.
Entiat River		X	Tributary of Columbia River.
Falk Creek		X	Tributary of Skamokawa Creek.
Ferndale Slough	X		Side channel of Nooksack River (tidal). Also known as Portage Slough.
Fifth Street Waterway	X		Navigable at bridge over 5th Street Waterway at Steilacoom (tidal).

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Fisher Island Slough (Fisher)	X		Side channel of Columbia River at Island Channel. Downstream end 6 miles downstream from Longview, (tidal). Navigable to mile 2.
Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lake	X		See Columbia River.
Germany Creek	X		Tidal at State Route 4 bridge.
Governors Lake	X		See Capitol Lake.
Grays Harbor	X		At Aberdeen (tidal) from U.P.P.R. Bridge at Aberdeen to seaward end of bar channel, including all bays and sloughs to the elevation of mean high water.
Grays River	X		Tributary of Lower Columbia River. Mouth 7 miles NE of Astoria, OR (tidal at town of Grays River, mile 8).
Green Lake		X	Seattle.
Green River	X		Becomes Duwamish River at mouth of Black River (head of tidewater), mile 11. Navigable to mile 23 at Kent. Non-navigable upstream of State Highway 516 Bridge in existence on October 26, 1981. Act of Congress, 33 U.S.C. 59s.
Hama Hama River	X		Flows into Hood Canal near Eldon (tidal to mile 1).
Hamilton Creek	X		Tributary of Columbia River. Navigable to limit of Columbia River backwater elevation of 28.5 MSL.
Hat Slough	X		Flows out of Stillaguamish River near mile 8. Mileage shown is from head to mouth in Port Susan (tidal).
Hoh River	X		Flows into Pacific Ocean near Forks (tidal to about mile 1).
Hoko River	X		Flows into Strait of Juan de Fuca near Sekiu (tidal to about mile 1).
Hood Canal	X		Near Port Gamble.
Hoquiam River	X		Flows into Grays Harbor at Hoquiam (tidal to about mile 7). Navigable to mile 8.
Hoquiam River (East Fork)	X		Flows into Hoquiam River at Hoquiam (tidal to about mile 6.5).
Horse Shoe Lake		X	Old channel of Lewis River at Woodland.
Horse Thief Lake		X	Klickitat County.
Humtulpis River	X		Flows into Grays Harbor near Hoquiam (tidal at mile 1).

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Johns River	X		Flows into Grays Harbor near Markham (tidal). Navigable to mile 4.
Johnson Creek		X	Flows into Sequim Bay at Pitship Point.
Jump Off Joe Lake		X	Near Chewelah.
Kalama River	X		Tributary of Columbia River. Mouth 2 miles downstream from Kalama. Navigable at mile 3.4.
Klickitat River	X		Tributary to Columbia River. Bonneville Pool Backwater extends upstream to about mile 1.
Lake Crescent		X	Located entirely within Olympic National Park. While not navigable, entire lake is "water subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S."
Lake River	X		Tributary of Columbia River (tidal at mile 3.3).
Lake Roosevelt	X		Formed by Grand Coulee Dam. See Columbia River.
Lake Union	X		Between Lake Washington and Puget Sound.
Lake Washington	X		At Seattle.
Lake Washington Ship Canal	X		At Seattle. Joins Lake Washington with Puget Sound at Shilshole Bay. Includes Lake Union.
Latah Creek	X		Tributary of Spokane River.
Lewis River	X		Tributary of Columbia River. Across Columbia River from Saint Helens, OR. Navigable to mile 7.7.
Lewis River (East Fork)	X		Tributary of Lewis River. Navigable to La Center, mile 3.
Little Hoquiam River	X		Flows into Hoquiam River near Hoquiam (tidal to mile 2).
Little Pend Oreille River		X	Tributary to Colville River. Flows from Little Pend Oreille Lakes SW to Colville River.
Martin Island Slough	X		Side channel of Columbia River. 4 miles upstream from Kalama.
McAllister Creek	X		Flows into Nisqually Reach of Puget Sound (tidal at mile 3).
McNary Reservoir	X		See Columbia River.
Methow River		X	Near Winthrop.
Methow River		X	Tributary of Columbia River at Pateros.
Mill Creek	X		Flows into Hammersley Inlet of Puget Sound (tidal at mile 0.5).
Mill Creek	X		Tributary of Columbia River near Stella (tidal to mile 0.8).
Moses Lake		X	Formed by O'Sullivan Dam on Crab Creek.
Mullen Slough		X	Tributary of Green River at Kent.
Naselle River	X		Flows into Willapa Bay near Naselle. Navigable at mile 15.3.

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Nemah River (Middle Fork)	X		Flows into Willapa Bay near Nemah (tidal at confluence of South Nemah).
Nemah River (North Fork)	X		Flows into Willapa Bay near Nemah (tidal at mile 1.5).
Nemah River (South Fork)	X		Tributary of Middle Nemah (tidal at bridge above confluence with Middle Nemah).
Nisqually River	X		Flows into Nisqually Reach of Puget Sound (tidal at Interstate 5 Freeway Bridge; mile 2.4).
Nookachamps Creek		X	Tributary to Skagit River.
Nooksack River	X		Flows into Bellingham Bay near Bellingham. Navigable to mile 26.
North Creek		X	Tributary to Sammamish River.
North River	X		Flows into Willapa Bay near South Bend. Navigable to falls 5 miles above mouth.
Okanogan River		X	Tributary to Columbia River near Brewster. Navigable from mouth to McLaughlin Falls, about 50 miles above mouth near Riverside.
Ollala Bay	X		Puget Sound.
Palix, River	X		Flows into Willapa Bay near Bay Center (tidal).
Palix River (Middle Fork)	X		Tributary of Palix River (tidal to mile 2).
Palix River (North Fork)	X		Tributary of Palix River (tidal to mile 1.5).
Palix River (South Fork)	X		Tributary of Palix River (tidal to mile 3.5).
Palouse River		X	Mouth halfway between Lower Monumental Dam and Little Goose Dam.
Palouse River (South Fork)		X	At North Grand Avenue bridge, Pullman.
Pend Oreille River	X		Navigable from the Canadian boundary at mile 16 to Lake Pend Oreille.
Percival Creek		X	From Black Lake near Olympia to Capitol Lake at Olympia.
Pickering Passage	X		Puget Sound.
Portage Slough			See Ferndale Slough.
Purdy Creek		X	Tributary of Skokomish River at mile 3.9.
Puyallup River	X		Flows into Commencement Bay of Puget Sound at Tacoma (tidal at mile 3).
Pysht River	X		Flows into Strait of Juan de Fuca near Sekiu (tidal to mile 2.5).
Queets River	X		Flows into Pacific Ocean near Queets (tidal to mile 1).
Quilceda Creek	X		Tributary of Snohomish River (tidal at mile 2.3).

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Quillayute River	X		Flows into Pacific Ocean at La Push (tidal to mile 2.5).
Rock Creek	X		Backwater of Lake Umatilla to mile 1.
Roosevelt, Lake	X		See Columbia River.
Ross Lake (Upper Skagit River)	X		Navigable to Canadian Border.
Salmon Creek		X	Tributary to Naselle River, Pacific County.
Salmon Creek	X		Flows into Lake River at mile 9.5, Clark County.
Samish River	X	X	Flows into Samish Bay near Edison (tidal to about mile 7). Non-navigable at mile 8.
Sammamish, Lake	X		Source of Sammamish River.
Sammamish River	X		Flows from Lake Sammamish to Lake Washington near Seattle.
Sekiu River	X		Flows into Strait of Juan de Fuca near Sekiu (tidal at mile 0.1).
Skagit River (including South Fork)	X		Flows into Skagit Bay near Stanwood. Department of Agriculture has jurisdiction over parts of the Skagit River pursuant to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Navigable to mile 80.
Skagit River (North Fork)	X		Flows out of Skagit River at mile 9.5 near Mount Vernon into Skagit Bay. Navigable to mile 7.
Skamokawa Creek	X		Tributary of Columbia River. Mouth at Skamokawa.
Skamokawa Creek (Left Fork)		X	Tributary of Columbia River. Mouth at Skamokawa.
Skidmore Slough	X		Flows into Willapa River near South Bend (tidal at mile 0.2).
Skokomish River	X		Flows into Hood Canal near Union (tidal to mile 3).
Snake River	X		Navigable to Guffy Dam Site, ID, mile 450, between Murphy and Melba, ID.
Snohomish River	X		Navigable throughout. Formed by confluence of Skykomish and Snoqualmie Rivers near Monroe.
Snohomish River (Ebey Slough)	X		Flows out of Snohomish River near mile 10 at Everett into Port Gardner. Mileage shown is from head to Burlington Northern Railway bridge near mouth (tidal).
Snohomish River (Steamboat Slough)	X		Flows out of Snohomish River near mile 6 at Everett into Port Gardner. Mileage shown from head to Burlington Northern Railway bridge near mouth (tidal).

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Snohomish River (Union Slough)	X		Flows out of Snohomish River near mile 6 at Everett into Port Gardner. Mileage shown is from head to Burlington Northern Railway bridge near mouth (tidal).
Snoqualmie River	X		At point of confluence with Skykomish River, forms the Snohomish River near Monroe. Navigable to at least mile 24.9.
Spokane River	X		Considered navigable above mile 80.2 to Lake Coeur d' Alene and below mile 29.1 to confluence with the Columbia River.
Steamboat Slough	X		Side channel of Columbia River. Mouth at Skamokawa (tidal).
Stillaguamish River	X		Flows into Port Susan near Stanwood (tidal to mile 11.5).
Stillaguamish River (Hat Slough)	X		Flows out of Stillaguamish River near mile 8 from road to mouth in Port Susan (tidal).
Stuck River		X	Tributary of Puyallup River.
Sumas River		X	Flows through northern Whatcom County.
Swinomish Slough (Channel)	X		Connects Skagit Bay with Padilla Bay (tidal).
Tacoma Harbor	X		Puget Sound. Tacoma.
Tapps, Lake		X	Pierce County.
Tolt River		X	Tributary of Snoqualmie River. Not navigable at mile 0.6.
Union River		X	Flows into Hood Canal at Belfair.
Unnamed inlet tributary to Nisqually Reach at Tolmie State Park	X		Tidal.
Unnamed inlet tributary to Pickering Passage, about 14 miles NE of Shelton	X		Tidal.
Unnamed slough running in NW direction off its intersection with Johnson Slough near Raymond	X		Tidal.
Wallacut River	X		Flows into Baker Bay. Mouth 1 mile NE of Ilwaco (tidal at mile 0.5).
Walla Walla River	X		Tributary of Columbia River McNary Pool backwater extends to mile 15.8.
Wanapum Reservoir	X		Columbia River.

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Welcome Slough	X		Tributary of Columbia River. 2 miles S of Cathlamet.
Wenatchee River		X	Tributary to Columbia River.
Whatcom, Lake		X	Near Bellingham.
Whatcom Waterway	X		Near Bellingham (tidal).
White Salmon River	X		Tributary of Columbia River. Mouth 2 miles downstream from White Salmon. Navigable to head of Bonneville Pool Backwater (See Drano Lake).
Willapa Bay	X		Estuary of Pacific Ocean.
Willapa River	X		Formed by confluence of North and South Forks at Raymond. Flows into Willapa Bay near South Bend (tidal).
Willapa River (North Fork)	X		At confluence with South Fork, forms Willapa River at Raymond (tidal at mile 14.6).
Willapa River (South Fork)	X		At confluence with North Fork, forms Willapa River at Raymond (tidal at mile 0.9).
Wind River	X		Tributary of Columbia River. Mouth 4 miles upstream from Stevenson. Navigable to head of Bonneville Pool Backwater.
Wishkah River	X		Flows into Chehalis River at Aberdeen (tidal to about 11 miles above mouth).
Woodard Creek		X	Tributary of Columbia River near North Bonneville.
Yakima River	X		Tributary of Columbia River. McNary Pool backwater extends upstream to mile 8.4.