



Governor's Executive Order 05-05 Completing the Historical and Cultural Review

In order to protect the rich cultural heritage of Washington State, Governor Christine Gregoire signed [Executive Order 05-05](#) (GEO 05-05). This mandates that recipients of state capital funds must consult with the [Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation](#) (DAHP) and any Federally-recognized Indian Tribes that may have cultural or historic interest or concerns in your project's vicinity.

However, if your project, through Federal involvement, will be subject to [Section 106](#) of the National Historic Preservation Act, that will satisfy the GEO 05-05 requirements.

Please remember that the GEO 05-05 process must be completed prior to the start of construction.

Process Administration

Barbara Smith is the Public Works Board's primary contact regarding the GEO 05-05 process. Copies of all correspondence and documents that are submitted to either DAHP or the Federally-recognized Indian tribes need to be sent to Barbara as well, so the process can be documented. Please send the materials by email to Barbara.Smith@commerce.wa.gov, or by mail to:

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DAHP Consultation

The GEO 05-05 process requires funding recipients *define* the construction project area for potential impact and *identify* any building or structures 45 years or older that are located within the project site. The funding recipient initiates contact with DAHP by submitting an [EZI form](#) to the State Archaeologist, [Rob Whitlam](#). For projects that plan to alter structures that are 45 years of age or older, an online inventory survey must be completed.

DAHP can issue a broad range of responses to your submittal. A common response is a "No Effect Upon Cultural/Historic Properties" letter. If you receive such a letter, you have completed the DAHP portion of the review.

If DAHP requires more information (completion of additional forms, cultural survey, inadvertent discovery plan, etc.) you must comply with the request. It is possible that you will need to hire a professional archaeologist to address this. Only when DAHP concurs with the additional materials provided is the DAHP portion of GEO 05-05 complete.

Tribal Consultation

Tribal consultation is initiated by sending a letter and any project information describing the location and extent of the project to the potential affected Federally-recognized Indian tribe(s). The correspondence should be sent by your mayor, commission chair, or equivalent position to the Tribal Chair. Additionally, the letter needs to be copied to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer or Cultural Resource Coordinator. Do not send the Tribe(s) the EZI form. The [Governor's Office of Indian Affairs](#) maintains a [directory](#) that will assist you in identifying Tribal officials.

The Tribe(s) must be allowed at least 30 business days to respond. There may not be a response, or there may be a wide range of responses to the information you provide. As with DAHP, if additional materials are requested, they must be provided to the Tribe(s) and the Tribe must concur with your findings.

Links

Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation:

<http://www.dahp.wa.gov/>

- Governor's Executive Order 05-05:
<http://www.dahp.wa.gov/governors-executive-order-05-05>
- EZ1 Form:
http://www.dahp.wa.gov/sites/default/files/EZ1-Form_0.doc
- Rob Whitlam's email:
Rob.Whitlam@DAHP.wa.gov
- DAHP's Historic Property Inventory Online Management System:
<http://www.dahp.wa.gov/hpi-online-system>
- Frequently asked questions about GEO 05-05:
http://www.dahp.wa.gov/sites/default/files/eo0505FreqAskedQuestions_0.pdf
- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act:
<http://www.dahp.wa.gov/section-106>

Governor's Office of Indian Affairs:

<http://www.goia.wa.gov/>

- Washington State Tribal Directory:
<http://www.goia.wa.gov/Tribal-Directory/TribalDirectory.pdf>