

# Think It's Green? Think Again.

Some cannabis cultivation activities can do serious harm to fish, wildlife, and the surrounding habitats in which they live. Activities such as water diversion, land disturbance, and the introduction of pollutants (fertilizers, pesticides, etc.) into waterways and habitats can threaten fish, wildlife, and plants.

## You Can Help!

Proper cannabis cultivation practices can help protect the environment.

Work with CDFW to avoid or minimize harmful impacts to fish, wildlife, and plants. Use pesticides in accordance with California Department of Pesticide Regulation guidelines. Use best management practices for water conservation and storage.

**Report illegal cannabis cultivation or environmental crimes by contacting CalTIP at 1 (888) 334-2258.**

**YOUR ACTIONS WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



## Regional Contacts

### **NORTHERN REGION - INTERIOR (REGION 1)**

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*\*Note: Those portions of Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Yolo counties that are outside the Legal Delta boundary (extending just north I-80) and east of I-5 are in Region 2. The balance of each county is in Region 3.*

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For more information please visit:  
[wildlife.ca.gov/cannabis](http://wildlife.ca.gov/cannabis)



## Commercial Cannabis Cultivation



# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CANNABIS PERMITTING

California is unique and home to more species of plants and animals than any other state in the country. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is responsible for protecting and conserving fish, wildlife, and plants, and the habitats they depend on.

CDFW uses several tools to protect our environment, such as permitting, education, collaboration with stakeholders, restoration, environmental review, and law enforcement.

***Working together, we can ensure environmentally friendly cannabis cultivation.***

A Lake or Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement is a permit for projects that will substantially change a river, stream, or lake, and may substantially adversely affect fish or wildlife resources. They include protective measures to avoid or minimize harmful impacts to fish, wildlife, and plants, and their habitats.

Examples of projects that require LSA Agreements include water diversions, modification of a stream crossing, or construction activities that may impact a river, stream, or lake.

LEARN MORE:

[wildlife.ca.gov/Cannabis](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Cannabis)

GOT A QUESTION?

[AskCannabis@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:AskCannabis@wildlife.ca.gov)

**Q. Do I need to notify CDFW?**

**A.** Yes. Cannabis cultivators applying for a California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) license must have a CDFW LSA Agreement or written verification that one is not needed. To avoid potential delays or violations, it is important that all applicable projects, new or existing, are disclosed. To learn more or notify now, visit [wildlife.ca.gov/CannabisPermitting](https://wildlife.ca.gov/CannabisPermitting).

**Q. What is the difference between a General Agreement and a Standard Agreement?**

**A.** Both are forms of LSA Agreements. The General Agreement for cannabis cultivation is available for specific categories of projects and is streamlined, pre-written, and exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). For more information on General Agreements, visit the CDFW webpage: [wildlife.ca.gov/Cannabis](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Cannabis). A Standard Agreement is available for all project types, written on a project-specific basis, and is subject to CEQA. Both types meet CDFA's license requirement.

**Q. How do I get a waiver?**

**A.** CDFW does not issue waivers. If your project meets specific criteria and does not substantially change a river, stream, or lake, consider using CDFW's online self-certification process. If your project qualifies, CDFW will provide written verification that an LSA Agreement is not needed. Written verification meets CDFA's license requirement.

**Q. Are any other CDFW permits necessary?**

**A.** If your project may impact a threatened or endangered species, a separate California Endangered Species Act (CESA) permit may be required. For more information visit: [wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/CESA](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/CESA)