

Western Joshua Tree Permit Comparison

The Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act (WJTCA) prohibits the import, export, take, possession, purchase, or sale of any western Joshua tree (WJT) in California unless authorized by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The table below compares two common permitting options for take of WJT under the WJTCA: the WJT hazard management permit (HMP) and the WJT incidental take permit (ITP). For more information about each permit and how to apply, please visit the links provided below.

Hazard Management Permit <u>HMP website</u>	WJTCA Incidental Take Permit <u>WJTCA ITP website</u>
• May authorize the removal of WJT broken parts or branches • May authorize the trimming of living WJT(s) • May authorize the removal of dead WJT(s) within 30 feet of a structure • Free to apply and no fees • Requires a <u>HMP application</u> completed by the property owner • Census not required • WJT measurements not required • Photos of each WJT required • CEQA not required • Cannot authorize the removal of living WJT(s) for new construction projects • Cannot authorize the complete removal of living WJT(s) • Relocation not required	• May authorize the removal of WJT(s) for new construction projects • May authorize the removal of living WJT(s) • May authorize the removal of dead WJT(s) greater than 30 feet away from a structure • Free to apply, payment of per-tree mitigation fee required before final permit is issued • Requires an <u>ITP application</u> completed by the property owner, contact, or project proponent • <u>Census</u> required • Measurements for each WJT identified in the census required • Photos of each WJT required • <u>CEQA</u> required • Issued out of CDFW <u>regional offices</u> • <u>Relocation</u> may be required

