

Roanoke Logperch – Cofferdams and Endangered Species Act Consultation Requirements
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Step 1. Is there suitable Roanoke logperch habitat¹ or a species occurrence where the instream work will occur?

Yes → may affect → provide project information to the USFWS for review and include project details (duration of work, avoidance and minimization measures, amount of permanent/temporary impacts below ordinary high water, etc.)

No → Step 2

Step 2. Is there suitable Roanoke logperch habitat¹ or a species occurrence within 200 meters upstream or 800 meters downstream of the instream work?

Yes → Step 3

No → no effect

Step 3. Will work be done “in the dry” without cofferdams or within cofferdams that are installed and removed between July 1 through March 14 of any year?²

Yes → may affect, not likely to adversely affect³

No → may affect, further coordination with the USFWS is required

¹Suitable habitat – includes streams with Roanoke logperch habitat characteristics (habitat information available at: <http://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=E01G>). If site-specific information is not available for a stream or stream reach, assume suitable habitat is present unless information is provided otherwise. Habitat assessments can be conducted by a qualified surveyor to determine if suitable habitat is present. Surveys for Roanoke logperch are typically not recommended because a negative survey does not provide enough information to conclude absence.

²“In the dry” refers to work done under dry conditions, either due to normal, low-flow conditions or as the result of installation and maintenance of a cofferdam. Work done “in the dry” without cofferdams can occur any time no-flow conditions occur, must be of short duration (no more than 3 days) and must be completed before the next predicted rainfall. Cofferdams must be installed and removed between July 1 and March 14 in any given year, unless authorized in writing by the USFWS to do otherwise.

³If a cofferdam fails between March 15 through June 30 of any year, the Federal action agency will send a notification and proposed repair plan to virginiafieldoffice@fws.gov. The USFWS will review the repair plan and respond within 10 calendar days of receipt. No repairs will be initiated/completed until the USFWS completes review and ESA compliance is completed.