

Review Options to Consider PFAS Contamination

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Project activity examples that are **not PFAS sensitive (do not increase exposure risk)**

- Recreational trail improvements / construction
- Educational signage / communications
- Communication about fish consumption risks related to PFAS
- Habitat protection / conservation easement
- Bird viewing platform construction / enhancement
- Shoreline erosion prevention / trail construction for human use
- Terrestrial habitat improvements / pollinator habitats
- Invasive species management
- Surface water quality improvement/storm water runoff mitigation
- Resource surveys (fish migration, creel survey, trail survey, etc.)
- Boat or kayak launch construction / enhancement

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Project activity examples that are **PFAS sensitive (may increase exposure risk)**

- Aquatic, wetland or nearshore habitat restoration
- Aquatic connectivity (dam removal/fish passage)
- Bird nesting platforms for birds that consume fish
- Fish or bivalve stocking
- Island construction/enhancement
- Fishing pier/access point construction or improvements

Review of Recommendation on Options

Options	Description	Recommend
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3	Allow projects with PFAS sensitive activities to move forward if they are outside specific high-risk areas (<i>to define the list of high-risk areas in the future</i>)	Maybe
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Discussion