Public Notice of Request for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

Public Notice Date: March 13, 2024
Comment Period Ends: April 3, 2024

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received the following request for Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC). Pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek WQC from the state with jurisdiction.

Under Section 401 of the CWA, federal agencies cannot issue a license or permit before Ecology makes a decision on a WQC request or waives the right to review. Any conditions that are included in the WQC then become conditions of the federal permit or license. For information regarding Ecology's CWA Section 401 WQC, please visit Ecology's webpage.

Ecology is seeking comments from the public, state and local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties regarding the proposed activity.

Comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record. Please specify project name and Aquatics identification number when submitting comments.

For additional information or to submit comments, please send email the address below:

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1. **Aquatics ID:** 143439
   Project Name: Tang Road Replacement and Estuary Restoration
   Applicant: Naval Base Kitsap
   Location: Tang Road, Silverdale, Kitsap County.
   Description: The Proposed Action consists of repairs to Tang Road and the pier revetments; restoration of Hunter's Marsh pocket estuary that includes replacement of the existing culvert with a larger fish-passable structure. Tang Road is bounded along the western embankment to the north and south by existing riprap revetments located at existing piers, to the west by a mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) seawall at the Hood Canal, and to the east by Hunter's Marsh.

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2. **Aquatics ID:** 143360
   Project Name: Olympic 36519 MP230 Landslide Relief HDD

Applicant: Olympic Pipeline Company LLC
Location: 2041 Cloverdale Road; 108 Angels Lane; 132 Cameo Drive; 135, 1920, 1890, 133 Green Mountain Road; 78 Goldfinch Road, Kalama, Callam County.
Description: Olympic plans to replace a section of their existing 14-inch diameter steel pipeline that is located within an active slowly moving landslide with a new section of 14-inch diameter steel pipe approximately 2,349.83 feet long beneath the active landslide using horizontal directional drill (HDD) installation methods. The proposed HDD installation will be within Olympic's existing right of way (ROW), a minimum of approximately 7 feet west of the existing 14-inch diameter pipeline. The section of the existing pipeline within the active landslide will be purged and abandoned in-place. ROW restoration will be completed after all excavation activities are completed and will include regrading the work areas and ROW to pre-construction condition, mulching and reseeding.

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3. **Aquatics ID:** 143384
Project Name: Cloquallum Creek RM 4.8 Bank Stabilization
Applicant: Grays Harbor Conservation District
Location: 36 Lower Falls Creek Road, Elma, Grays Harbor County.
Description: There is a private residential home with underground septic 12ft from the eroding bank of Cloquallum Creek. Emergency rock revetment with rootwads were placed in November 2021 to protect the house and septic from falling in the creek, but the action was not permitted at the time through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. There is still erosion occurring downstream in a hayfield area, and if it continues it could jeopardize two public roads, including one county bridge. If possible, we would like to retroactively permit the rock and rootwads installed in 2021, and we are open to modifications of it if necessary. We plan to install toe logs (with rootwads) along 350' of the bank toe and reslope 600' of bank to at least a 2:1 slope. This work will be done with excavators. We also plan to install willow fascines along 250' of bank toe where erosion is less severe, and install coir fabric secured with live willow and cottonwood stakes. This work will all be done manually with a field crew. The active erosion is happening on a 3-acre hayfield that will serve as the equipment and materials staging site. After stream bank work is completed, the 3-acre hayfield will be planted as a riparian buffer with native trees and shrubs. This project would prevent further erosion of private property and the eventual erosion of two public roads, one of which has a county bridge. It would also provide habitat uplift for aquatic species.

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4. **Aquatics ID:** 143459
Project Name: Stacy Channel Migration and Riparian Restoration
Applicant: Jan Stacy
Location: 118 Horseshoe Bend Estates, Kelso, Cowlitz County.
Description: The proposed project includes placement of up to thirteen (12) piling diverter structures consisting of about twenty-five pile per structure. Pile shall consist of non-treated Douglas-Fir poles about 10-inch diameter on the small end and thirty feet in length. Pile will be driven to about 20 feet of depth through use of a vibratory pile driving head on an excavator. The proposed project plans to slope 1200 feet of vertical, eighteen foot tall, riverbank to a 2:1 slope. The bank will be protected from erosion through installation of mulch fabric and coir geogrid

(Dekowe 700 or equivalent). The sloped bank will be seeded with an erosion control seed mix and planted with woody riparian tree/shrub species.

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5. **Aquatics ID:** 143423
   Project Name: Dickman Mill Piling & Debris Removal Project
   Applicant: Washington Department of Natural Resources (WA DNR)
   Location: 2423 Ruston Way, Tacoma, Pierce County.
   Description: The project proposes to remove approximately 1,000 – 1,200 creosote-treated piles and debris from the nearshore environment, offshore of the Dickman Mill Park in Tacoma, Washington. Approximately 6-inches of sand will be placed prior to piling removal in areas of dense piling, and a layer of fish mix is expected to be placed after piling removal. The project is proposed as part of the DNR Creosote Removal Program.
