

Public Notice of Request for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Act Federal Consistency

Public Notice Date: August 16, 2024, 12:01 am Comment Period Ends: September 6, 2024, 11:59 pm

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received a request for a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) and a Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) federal consistency decision for the following project.

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 <u>webpage</u>.

Ecology is evaluating this project for consistency with the <u>enforceable policies</u> of Washington's Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP). The federal CZMA authorizes states with approved CZMPs to review federal actions, which include federal agency activities and the issuance of federal permits and licenses. After this review is complete, Ecology will issue a decision on whether the project is consistent with the CZMP's enforceable policies; Ecology will either concur or object that the project is consistent to the maximum extent practicable. Please see Ecology's <u>CZMA federal consistency</u> website for additional information about Ecology's decision process.

Under Washington's CZMP, federal actions that may affect any land use, water use, or natural resources in the coastal zone must be consistent with the enforceable policies found within the following state authorities:

- Washington Clean Air Act
- Washington State Water Pollution Control Act
- State Shoreline Management Act
- Ocean Resources Management Act
- Marine Spatial Plan for Washington's Pacific Coast

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

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

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

Department of Ecology—SEA Program Federal Permit Unit

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1. Aquatics ID: 143749

Project Name: Spring Hill
Applicant: Central Highlands Builders
Location: 10997 NE 272nd Street, Kingston, Kitsap County
Description: The project proposes to fill 0.22 acres of Category IV Wetland A and 0.08 acres of Category IV Wetland B for the purpose of residential development. A combination of creation (0.66 acres) and enhancement (0.96 acres) is proposed for mitigation. The development consists of 230 three-story attached townhomes in tightly spaced buildings.

2. Aquatics ID: 143543

Project Name: Twin Bridges Marina
Applicant: Twin Bridges Marina
Location: 11071 Josh Green Lane, Mount Vernon, Skagit County
Description: The Applicant proposes maintenance dredging within the marina basin and associated approach within the Swinomish Channel. The dredging action would be limited to re-establishing the originally permitted basin and channel depths using mechanical dredging methods. Once the originally permitted depth has been established the project also proposes to routinely dredge, such that smaller quantities of dredging will be required to maintain vessel access into the marina. Additionally, the project proposes a series of modifications and reconfiguration to overwater structures to improve access and use of the marina.

 Aquatics ID: 144068
 Project Name: Radwan Geoduck Farm
 Applicant: Taylor Shellfish Farms
 Location: 10123 Steamboat Island Rd NW, Olympia, Thurston County
 Description: The applicant proposes to cultivate up to 0.8 acres of geoduck clams within the overall 1.53acre privately-owned tax parcel, as defined by the +4.0-foot and -4.5-foot MLLW tidal elevations.

Aquatics ID: 144069
 Project Name: Baga Geoduck Farm
 Applicant: Taylor Shellfish Farms
 Location: 9621 Steamboat Island Rd NW, Olympia, Thurston County
 Description: The applicant proposes to cultivate up to 1.0 acres of geoduck clams within the overall 1.90-acre privately-owned tax parcel, as defined by the +4.0-foot and -4.5-foot MLLW tidal elevations.