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May 6, 2022

Whatcom County Public Works Attn: James P. Karcher 322 N Commercial, Suite 301 Bellingham, WA 98225

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. NWS-2021-876,

Samish Lake Bridge #107 Replacement in Whatcom County, Washington

Dear James Karcher:

On September 13, 2021, The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. On March 7, 2022, Whatcom County Public Works and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM review period until June 1, 2022.

This determination is for the demolition of an existing bridge and construction of a new concrete bridge. The existing roadway on either side of the new bridge will be regraded and paved for the bridge approaches and a south road intersection will be regraded and expanded to re-align it with the new, wider bridge and roadway. Existing utilities will be relocated from the old bridge to the new bridge. These improvements would be located North Lake Samish Drive, at Lake Samish in the city of Bellingham in Whatcom County, Washington.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Whatcom County Public Works' determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency determination please contact Penny Kelley at (360) 280-8856.

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YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Address and location information.

Filing an Appeal with the PCHB:

Mailing Address:

Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

Street Address:

Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel RD SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501

Serving a Copy of the Appeal on Ecology:

Mailing Address:

Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608

Street Address:

Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 Samish Lake Bridge #107 Replacement Corps No. NWS-2021-876, Aquatics No. 141037 May 6, 2022 Page 3 of 3

Sincerely,

Brenden McFarland, Section Manager Environmental Review and Transportation Section Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

E-cc: Randall Perry, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Steve Fox, Whatcom County Kevin Thompson, Whatcom County ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov