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July 6, 2022

Brent Cowden Bakerview Investment Group, LLC 3463 Cedarville Road Bellingham, WA 98226

Re: Water Quality Certification Order No. **21208** for Corps Reference No. **NWS-2021-1148**, City Townhomes, Whatcom County, Washington

Dear Brent Cowden:

On December 13, 2021, Brent Cowden submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the City Townhomes project, located in Whatcom County, Washington.

On behalf of the state of Washington, the Department of Ecology certifies that the work described in the Water Quality Certification Request and supplemental documents complies with applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, and applicable state laws. <u>This certification is subject to the conditions contained in the enclosed Water Quality Certification Order (WQC Order)</u>.

Please ensure that anyone doing work under this WQC Order has read, is familiar with, and is able to follow all of the provisions within the attached WQC Order.

If you have any questions about this decision, please contact Chris Luerkens at (360) 410-4807. The enclosed WQC Order may be appealed by following the procedures described within.

Sincerely,

Jøe Burcar, Section Manager Northwest Regional Office Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Sent by electronic mail: brent@cowdeninc.com

Enclosure (1)

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E-cc: Randel Perry, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Collin Van Slyke, Northwest Ecological Services, LLC Kim Weil, City of Bellingham Chris Luerkens, Department of Ecology Rebekah Padgett, Department of Ecology Loree' Randall, Department of Ecology <u>ECYREFEDPERMITS@ecy.wa.gov</u>– Aquatics No. 139715 IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION TO Brent Cowden pursuant to 33 U.S.C.

1341 (FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC

) WQC ORDER No. 21208) Corps Reference No. NWS-2021-1148 City Townhomes, Wetlands located in Whatcom County, Washington.

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On December 13, 2021, Brent Cowden submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the City Townhomes project, located in Whatcom County, Washington. The following required processing dates are referenced below:

On November 11, 2020, Brent Cowden submitted a pre-filing meeting request.

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- On December 13, 2021, Brent Cowden submitted additional information, and the Department of Ecology (Ecology) considered the request valid, as of this date.
- On January 7, 2022, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) sent a provisional notification to Brent Cowden and Ecology that it had completed the majority of its review and was waiting for Ecology's WQC. The Corps provided a deadline for the WQC of July 6, 2022.
- On March 8, 2022, Ecology issued a public notice for the project.

The project proposes to develop a six-building complex that will have a total of 47 residential units. The project will include driveways, parking areas, utilities and stormwater infrastructure. The project will result in approximately 0.426 acres of direct wetland fill, and 0.151 acres of indirect wetland impacts. Wetland mitigation for these impacts will occur off-site.

The project site is located at the current address of 350 and 360 East Bakerview Road, north of East Bakerview Road, and west of Deemer Road, within wetlands, Whatcom County, Washington, Section 07, Township 38 N., Range 03 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) #1 Nooksack.

AUTHORITIES

In exercising authority under 33 U.S.C. § 1341, RCW 90.48.120, and RCW 90.48.260, Ecology has reviewed this WQC request pursuant to the following:

1. Conformance with applicable water quality-based, technology-based, and toxic or pretreatment effluent limitations as provided under 33 U.S.C. §§1311, 1312, 1313, 1316, and 1317.

- Conformance with the state water quality standards contained in Chapter 173-201A WAC and authorized by 33 U.S.C. §1313 and by Chapter 90.48 RCW, and with other applicable state laws; and
- 3. Conformance with the provision of using all known, available and reasonable methods to prevent and control pollution of state waters as required by RCW 90.48.010.
- 4. Conformance with Washington's prohibition on discharges that cause or tend to cause pollution of waters of the state of Washington. RCW 90.48.080.
- 5. The authorized project proponent is responsible for obtaining all other permits, licenses, and certifications that may be required by federal, state, local or tribal authorities.

With this Water Quality Certification (WQC) Order, Ecology is granting with conditions, Brent Cowden's request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the City Townhomes project, wetlands located in Whatcom County. Ecology has determined that the proposed discharges will comply with all applicable state water quality requirements, provided the project is conducted in accordance with the Section 401 Water Quality Certification request that Ecology received on December 13, 2021, the supporting documents referenced in Table 1 below, **and the conditions of this WQC Order**.

Date Received	Document Type	Title & Date	Author
12/13/2021	Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) Form	JARPA (dated 12/7/2021)	NW Ecological Services, LLC
12/13/2021	Wetland Delineation	Critical Areas Report: Wetlands & Habitat Conservation Areas For Bakerview Development (April 2, 2019)	Miller Environmental Services, LLC
3/8/2022	Drawings – Temporary Erosion & Sediment Control Plan	Temporary Erosion & Sediment Control Plan (Preliminary)	Pacific Surveying and Engineering Services, Inc.
3/8/2022	Combined Stormwater Management Plan, and	Storm Water Management Report, City Townhomes	Pacific Surveying and Engineering Services,

Table 1. Supporting Documents

	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan	(January 7, 2022)	Inc.
5/19/2022	State Environmental Policy Act	Determination of Non- Significance, (April 11, 2022)	City of Bellingham
6/22/2022	Advance Wetland Mitigation Plan	Van Wyck Wetland Mitigation Site Advance Mitigation Plan, Revision 2.0 (June 2022)	Northwest Ecological Services, LLC
6/29/2022	Wetland Mitigation Use Plan	Impact Assessment & Mitigation Use Plan, City Townhomes (June 29, 2022)	Northwest Ecological Services, LLC

Issuance of this Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this proposal does not authorize Brent Cowden to exceed applicable state water quality standards (Chapter 173-201A WAC), ground water quality standards (Chapter 173-200 WAC) or sediment quality standards (Chapter 173-204 WAC). Furthermore, nothing in this Section 401 Water Quality Certification absolves Brent Cowden from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters, or sediments resulting from project construction or operations.

Water Quality Certification Conditions

The following conditions will be incorporated into the Corps permit and strictly adhered to by Brent Cowden. Specific condition justifications and citations required by 40 CFR 121.7(d)(1) are provided below each condition in *italic text*.

A. General Conditions

- 1. In this WQC Order, the term "Project Proponent" shall mean Brent Cowden and their agents, assignees, and contractors.
 - Justification Ecology needs to identify that conditions of this WQC Order apply to anyone conducting work on behalf of the Project Proponent to ensure compliance with the water quality standards and other applicable state laws.
 - Citation 40 CFR 121.1(j), Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.48.120 RCW, Chapter 90.48.260 RCW, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- All submittals required by this WQC Order shall be sent to Ecology's Headquarters Office, Attn: Federal Permit Manager, via e-mail to <u>fednotification@ecy.wa.gov</u> and cc to <u>chris.luerkens@ecy.wa.gov</u>. The submittals shall be identified with WQC Order No. 21208 and include the Project Proponent's name, Corps permit number, project name, project contact, and the contact phone number.

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- Justification Ecology needs to identify where information and submittals are to be submitted to be in compliance with the requirements of this WQC Order.
- Citation 40 CFR 121, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.120 RCW, Chapter 90.48.260 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 3. Work authorized by this WQC Order is limited to the work described in the WQC request package received by Ecology on December 13, 2021 and the supporting documentation identified in Table 1.
 - Justification Ecology has the authority to prevent and control pollution of state waters. By authorizing a discharge into a water of the state, through a WQC, Ecology is certifying the project as proposed will not negatively impact our state's water quality. Therefore, it is imperative the project is conducted as it was presented during the review process. Any deviations from information within the WQC Request package and this WQC Order must be disclosed prior to the initiation of the planned work.
 - Citation 40 CFR 121.5, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.120 RCW, Chapter 90.48.260 RCW, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-204 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 4. The Project Proponent shall keep copies of this WQC Order on the job site and readily available for reference by Ecology personnel, the construction superintendent, construction managers and lead workers, and state and local government inspectors.
 - Justification All parties (including on-site contractors) must be aware of and comply with the WQC Order for the protection of water quality.
 - Citation 40 CFR 121.3, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 5. The Project Proponent shall provide access to the project site and all mitigation sites upon request by Ecology personnel for site inspections, monitoring, and/or necessary data collection, to ensure that conditions of this WQC Order are being met.
 - Justification Ecology must be able to investigate and inspect construction sites and facilities for compliance with all state rules and laws.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.090 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 6. The Project Proponent shall ensure that all project engineers, contractors, and other workers at the project site with authority to direct work have read and understand relevant conditions of this WQC Order and all permits, approvals, and documents referenced in this WQC Order. The Project Proponent shall provide Ecology a signed statement (see Attachment A for an example) before construction begins.

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- Justification Ecology needs to ensure that anyone conducting work at the project, on behalf of the Project Proponent, are aware of and understand the required conditions of this WQC Order to ensure compliance with the water quality standards and other applicable state laws.
- Citation 40 CFR 121.1(j), Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 7. This WQC Order does not authorize direct, indirect, permanent, or temporary impacts to waters of the state or related aquatic resources, except as specifically provided for in conditions of this WQC Order.
 - Justification Ecology has the authority to prevent and control pollution of state waters, and to protect designated uses. By authorizing a discharge into a water of the state, through a water quality certification, we are certifying the project as proposed will not negatively impact our state's water quality and will comply with the state's water quality requirements. Therefore, it is imperative the project is conducted as it was presented during the review process, and as conditioned herein.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300(2)(e)(i) WAC, Chapter 173-201A-310 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 8. Failure of any person or entity to comply with the WQC Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions, whether administrative or judicial, to enforce the state's water quality standards.
 - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses. Civil penalties and other enforcement actions are the primary means of securing compliance with water quality requirements.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.037 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.48.120 RCW, Chapter 90.48.142 RCW, Chapter 90.48.144 RCW, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 9. The Project Proponent shall provide Ecology documentation for review before undertaking any major changes to the proposed project that could significantly and adversely affect water quality, other than those project changes required by this WQC Order.
 - Justification- Ecology has independent authority to enforce our 401 certification conditions issued through this WQC Order pursuant to RCW 90.48. In order to ensure the project will comply with water quality standards in the event of any major changes, Ecology must be able to review the scope of work involved in the construction and operation of the project, otherwise all work must stop and a new

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401 certification pre-filing meeting, followed by a new 401 request (after requisite 30-days) is required.

- Citation- 40 CFR 121.1(k) & (n), 40 CFR 121.3, Chapter 90.48 RCW, and Chapter 173-201 WAC.
- 10. The Project Proponent shall send (per A.2.) a copy of the final Corps permit to Ecology's Federal Permit Manager within two weeks of receiving it.
 - Justification This conditions is needed to ensure that all the conditions of the WQC Order have been incorporated into the federal permit.
 - Citation- 40 CFR 121.10.
- 11. Nothing in this WQC Order waives Ecology's discretionary authority to issue additional Orders if Ecology determines that further actions are necessary to implement the water quality laws of the state.
 - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48.120 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 12. This Order will automatically transfer to a new owner or operator if:
 - a. A written agreement between the Applicant and new owner or operator with the specific transfer date of the WQC Order's obligations, coverage, and liability is submitted to Ecology per condition A.2.;
 - b. A copy of this Order is provided to the new owner or operator; and
 - c. Ecology does not notify the new Applicant that a new WQC Order is required to complete the transfer.
 - Justification Ecology needs to ensure that anyone conducting work at the project, including any new owners or operators, are aware of and understand the required conditions of this WQC Order to ensure compliance with the water quality standards and other applicable state laws.
 - Citation 40 CFR 121.3, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.

B. Notification Requirements:

 The following notification shall be made via phone or e-mail (e-mail is preferred) to Ecology's Federal Permit Manager via e-mail to <u>fednotification@ecy.wa.gov</u> and cc to <u>chris.luerkens@ecy.wa.gov</u>. Notifications shall be identified with WQC Order No. 21208 Corps reference No. NWS-2021-1148, and include the Project Proponent name, project name, project location, project contact and the contact phone number. WQC Order No. 21208, Corps No. NWS-2021-1148 Aquatics No. 139715 July 6, 2022 Page 7 of 16

- a) Immediately following a violation of state water quality standards or when the project is out of compliance with any conditions of this WQC Order.
- b) At least ten (10) days prior to all pre-construction meetings.
- Justification Ecology must be aware of when a project starts and ends and whether there are any issues. This allows Ecology to evaluate compliance with the state water quality requirements.
- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 2. In addition to the phone or e-mail notification required under B.1.a. above, the Project Proponent shall submit a detailed written report to Ecology within five (5) days that describes the nature of the event, corrective action taken and/or planned, steps to be taken to prevent a recurrence, results of any samples taken, and any other pertinent information.
 - Justification Ensure the Project Proponent remains in full compliance with state water quality requirements for the duration of the project.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.120 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.

C. Timing

- 1. This WQC Order is effective upon issuance of the U.S. Corps of Engineers (Corps) permit for this project and will remain valid for the duration of the associated permit for the project.
 - Justification Certifications are required for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge or fill material into waters. This WQC Order is not valid until the Federal agency issues a permit. Additionally, Ecology needs to be able to specify how long the WQC Order will be in effect.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 173-201A, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.

D. Water Quality Monitoring & Criteria

1. This WQC Order does not authorize the Project Proponent to exceed applicable water quality standards beyond the limits established in WAC 173-201A.

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- Justification This condition provides citation to the appropriate water quality standard criteria to protect surface waters of the state. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.

E. Construction

General Conditions

- 1. All work in and near waters of the state shall be conducted to minimize turbidity, erosion, and other water quality impacts. Construction stormwater, sediment, and erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs) suitable to prevent exceedances of state water quality standards shall be in place before starting maintenance and shall be maintained throughout the duration of the activity.
 - Justification Disturbed areas without appropriate BMP's and construction methods can discharge excess sediment to waters of the state and degrade water quality. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 2. All clearing limits, stockpiles, staging areas, and trees to be preserved shall clearly be marked prior to commencing construction activities and maintained until all work is completed for each project.
 - Justification -Ensures that the project proponent preserves sensitive areas from discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 3. The Project Proponent shall obtain and comply with the conditions of the Construction Stormwater General Permit (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System NPDES) issued for this project.
 - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.

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- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 4. No petroleum products, fresh concrete, lime or concrete, chemicals, or other toxic or deleterious materials shall be allowed to enter waters of the state.
 - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation -Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 5. All construction debris, excess sediment, and other solid waste material shall be properly managed and disposed of in an upland disposal site approved by the appropriate regulatory authority.
 - Justification Ecology must be assured that the Project Proponent is managing and disposing of material to protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation- Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.

Equipment & Maintenance

- 6. Staging areas will be located a minimum of 50 feet and, where practical, 200 feet, from waters of the state including wetlands.
 - Justification Requiring a minimum setback ensures that material will not end up in waters of the state. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 7. No equipment shall enter, operate, be stored or parked within any sensitive area except as specifically provided for in this WQC Order.
 - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.

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- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 8. Wash water containing oils, grease, or other hazardous materials resulting from washing of equipment or working areas shall not be discharged into state waters. The Project Proponent shall set up a designated area for washing down equipment.
 - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.

G. Wetland mitigation conditions

- 1. The Project Proponent shall mitigate wetland impacts as described in *Impact* Assessment & Mitigation Use Plan, City Townhomes (hereafter called the "Mitigation Plan") as identified in Table 1 or as required by this Order.
 - Justification Alteration of water quality necessitates the use of mitigation as a method of controlling pollution. When mitigation is provided, the impacts are not considered significant enough to water quality, at least in the long-term. The water quality standards, along with mitigation, protect wetlands as well as permitting some level of degradation where unavoidable or necessary.
 - Citation 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii) WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC300.
- 2. The Project Proponent shall submit any proposed changes to the Mitigation Plan in writing to Ecology (see A.2) for review, following the process outlined in the Mitigation Plan, before implementing the changes.
 - Justification When mitigation is provided, the water quality impacts are offset and not considered significant, at least in the long-term. Changes in impact warrant review to ensure adequate mitigation is provided.
 - Citation –33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, Chapter 47.85.040 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii)WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 3. Prior to impacting wetlands, the Project Proponent shall submit to Ecology the following as proof of mitigation credit withdrawal:

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- a. A ledger showing that the required amount of credits has been deducted from the wetland mitigation site.
- b. The ledger must include the Order number, Order issuance date, impact acreage, the amount of credits required by the Order, and the date the credit was deducted.
- Justification This condition is necessary to ensure the compensatory mitigation was actually provided by the mitigation site.
- Citation 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, Chapter 47.85.040 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, WAC 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii) and WAC 173-201A-300.
- 4. If the City Townhomes project has not occurred within 13 months of the date of this Order, the Project Proponent shall inform Ecology, in writing, of the status of:
 - a. City Townhomes
 - b. Reason for delay
 - c. Expected date of completion The Project Proponent shall submit an updated written notification every 12 months thereafter until City Townhomes is complete and the required ledger has been submitted.
 - Justification Mitigation that is not emplaced concurrent with impacts will result in degradation of existing beneficial uses of the wetlands affected by the proposed action through temporal of functions.
 - Citation 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, Chapter 47.85.040 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii) WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
- 5. The Project Proponent's obligation to compensate for wetland impacts under G.1 is not met until the Project Proponent has received written notice from Ecology that the obligation is met.
 - Justification If the mitigation site is not meeting all compensatory mitigation conditions then the water quality impacts will not be offset by the mitigation.
 - Citation 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, Chapter 47.85.040 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii) WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.

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H. Emergency/Contingency Measures

- 1. The Project Proponent shall develop and implement a spill prevention and containment plan for this project.
 - Justification Ecology must ensure that the Project Proponent has a plan to prevent pollution from entering waterways. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 90.56.280 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC, and Chapter 173-303-145 WAC.
- 2. The Project Proponent shall have adequate and appropriate spill response and cleanup materials available on site to respond to any release of petroleum products or any other material into waters of the state.
 - Justification Ecology must have assurance that the Project Proponent has the material readily available in WQC Order to address any spills that might occur to protect waters of the state. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 90.56.280 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC, and Chapter 173-303-145 WAC.
- 3. Fuel hoses, oil drums, oil or fuel transfer valves and fittings, etc., shall be checked regularly for drips or leaks, and shall be maintained and stored properly to prevent spills into state waters.
 - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 90.56.280 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC, and Chapter 173-303-145 WAC.
- 4. Work causing distressed or dying fish and discharges of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters <u>is prohibited</u>. If such work, conditions, or discharges occur, the Project Proponent shall notify Ecology's Federal Permit Manager per condition A2 and immediately take the following actions:

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- a. Cease operations at the location of the non-compliance.
- b. Assess the cause of the water quality problem and take appropriate measures to correct the problem and prevent further environmental damage.
- c. In the event of a discharge of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters, or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters, containment and cleanup efforts shall begin immediately and be completed as soon as possible, taking precedence over normal work. Cleanup shall include proper disposal of any spilled material and used cleanup materials.
- d. Immediately notify Ecology's Regional Spill Response Office and the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife with the nature and details of the problem, any actions taken to correct the problem, and any proposed changes in operation to prevent further problems.
- e. Immediately notify the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802, for actual spills to water only.
- Justification This condition is necessary to prevent oil and hazardous materials spills from causing environmental damage and to ensure compliance with water quality requirements. The sooner a spill is reported, the quicker it can be addressed, resulting in less harm. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 90.56.280 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC, and Chapter 173-303-145 WAC.
- 5. Notify Ecology's Regional Spill Response Office immediately if chemical containers (e.g. drums) are discovered on-site or any conditions present indicating disposal or burial of chemicals on-site that may impact surface water or ground water.
 - Justification Oil and hazardous materials spills cause environmental damage. The sooner a spill is reported, the quicker it can be addressed, resulting in less harm. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 90.56.280 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC, and Chapter 173-303-145 WAC.

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YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order. 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 Order:

- File your appeal and a copy of this Order 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 Order 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			

Contact Information:

Please direct all questions about this WQC Order to:

Chris Luerkens Department of Ecology (360) 410-4807 <u>chris.luerkens@ecy.wa.gov</u> WQC Order No. 21208, Corps No. NWS-2021-1148 Aquatics No. 139715 July 6, 2022 Page 15 of 16

MORE INFORMATION

- Pollution Control Hearings Board Website http://www.eluho.wa.gov/Board/PCHB
- Chapter 43.21B RCW Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office Pollution Control Hearings Board http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B
- Chapter 371-08 WAC Practice And Procedure http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=371-08
- Chapter 34.05 RCW Administrative Procedure Act http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05
- Chapter 90.48 RCW Water Pollution Control http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.48
- Chapter 173.204 WAC Sediment Management Standards http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-204
- Chapter 173-200 WAC Water Quality Standards for Ground Waters of the State of Washington http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-200
- Chapter 173-201A WAC Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington <u>http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-201A</u>

SIGNATURE

Dated this 6 day of July 2022 at the Department of Ecology, Shoreline Washington

Jøe Burcar

Attachment A

Statement of Understanding Water Quality Certification Conditions

City Townhomes

Water Quality Certification WQC Order No. 21208

As the Project Proponent for City Townhomes project, I have read and understand the conditions of Washington State Department of Ecology WQC Order No. 21208, and any permits, plans, documents, and approvals referenced in the WQC Order. I have and will continue to ensure that all project engineers, contractors, and other workers at the project site with authority to direct work have read and understand the conditions of this WQC Order and any permits, plans, documents, and approvals referenced in the WQC Order and any permits, plans, documents, and approvals referenced in the WQC Order.

Signature	Date
Title	Phone
Company	