



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
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September 27, 2022

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Portland District  
P.O. Box 2946  
Portland, OR 97208-2946

Re: Coastal Zone Consistency for Activity Undertaken by a Federal Agency Lower Columbia River Federal Navigation Channel Maintenance Dredged Material Transfer Sites Wahkiakum County, Washington

Dear Elizabeth Santana:

On June 21, 2022, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) submitted a Consistency Determination (CD) with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP). On July 12, 2022, Ecology requested a 15-day extension pursuant to 15 CFR 930.41(b). Ecology and the Corps agreed to a second extension on August 16, 2022, and after the Corps submitted a revised CD on September 13, 2022 a third extension was agreed to on September 14, 2022. The current deadline for Ecology to complete our review is September 30, 2022.

The proposed federal activity includes a request to modify one dredge material transfer site and add six new transfer sites to the existing dredge material placement network in the Lower Columbia River Federal Navigation Channel (LCR FNC) in the States of Washington and Oregon. Of these seven transfer sites, one is located within Washington's Coastal Management Zone near Puget Island in Wahkiakum County: W-44.5-IW-T. This is an existing transfer site that will be expanded on both ends. This site also extends into Oregon, although it is not within the Oregon's Coastal Management Zone.

The purpose of this project is to provide an in-water holding area, called a transfer site or a sump, for temporary storage of dredged material from shoaling in the LCR FNC until the material can be permanently deposited in an upland or beach-nourishment placement site. A transfer site provides flexibility for hopper dredges to quickly address unexpected, urgent shoaling needs. A hopper dredge (or other dredge) would consolidate dredged material into a transfer site, instead of hauling material longer distances to permanent sites or stopping work to pump material upland.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with the Corps' determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP. The project triggers the enforceable policies found in the state Shoreline

Management Act, and the Corps opted to demonstrate compliance with those policies by analyzing the Wahkiakum County Shoreline Master Program. Ecology amended the Section 401 Water Quality Certification (initially issued on September 10, 2020) on September 23, 2022, which satisfied the requirement that the project be consistent with the state Water Pollution Control Act's enforceable policies.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency decision, please contact Teresa Pucylowski at (360) 764-0546.

### 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. The appeal process is governed by RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). More information is available at <https://eluhwa.gov/content/11>.

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 as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this decision on the Department of 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 RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08.

### Filing an appeal with the PCHB:

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit:  
<https://eluhwa.gov/content/11>

#### Filing by mail

##### Mailing Address:

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

#### Filing in person (or by certified mail/courier)

##### Street Address:

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

#### Filing electronically

##### E-mail Address:

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**Serving a copy of the appeal on Ecology:**

Electronic copies of appeals are not accepted at the Department of Ecology per WAC 371-08-305(10).

**Filing by mail**

**Mailing Address:**

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

**Filing in person (or by certified mail/courier)**

**Street Address:**

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Sincerely,



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