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April 4, 2023

Spokane County Parks
Recreation and Golf Department
ATTN: Julie Neff
404 North Havana Street
Spokane, WA 99202

Re: Water Quality Certification Order No. **21661** (Corps No. NWS-2022-0823), Bear Lake
Regional Park Shoreline Restoration, Spokane County, Washington

Dear Julie Neff:

On November 21, 2022, Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the Bear Lake Regional Park Shoreline Restoration, Spokane 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. This certification is subject to the enclosed Water Quality Certification Order (WQC Order).

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 Lori White at 509-669-1396. The enclosed WQC Order may be appealed by following the procedures described within.

Sincerely,

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

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Enclosure 1

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Vince Barthels, TO-Engineers
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Lori White, Ecology
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IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A)	WQC ORDER No. 21661
WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION TO)	Corps Reference No. NWS-2022-0823
Spokane County Parks)	<i>Bear Lake Regional Park Shoreline Restoration</i>
pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA §)	<i>project located within Bear Lake and Wetland,</i>
401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260 and)	<i>near Chattaroy, Spokane County, Washington</i>
Chapter 173-201A WAC)	

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Spokane County Parks submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the Bear Lake Regional Park Shoreline Restoration, Spokane County, Washington. The following required processing dates are referenced below:

- On October 19, 2022, the Spokane County Parks submitted a pre-filing meeting request.
- On November 21, 2022, Ecology received a request for Clean Water Section 401 Water Quality Certification.
- On March 1, 2023, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) sent an email notification to Ecology that they are reviewing the project for authorization under Nationwide Permit No. 13 & 18 and require an individual Section 401.
- On March 14, 2023, Ecology issued a public notice for the project.

This project proposes to increase the recreational opportunities; visitor accessibility of Bear Lake; restore; and preserve portions of the shoreline.

The project site is located near Chattaroy, Bear Lake and Wetland, Spokane County, Washington, Section 15, Township 28 N., Range 43 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 55, Little Spokane watershed.

With this Order, Ecology is granting Spokane County Parks' request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Bear Lake Regional Park Shoreline Restoration project, provided that the activity is conducted in accordance with the Section 401 Water Quality Certification request and attachments Ecology received on November 21, 2022.

Based on the information submitted, Ecology has determined that the discharge from the project will comply with state water quality requirements. Prior to undertaking any changes that materially alter the project, Spokane County Parks must contact Ecology to determine whether a new Section 401 Water Quality Certification is required.

Issuance of this Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this proposal does not authorize Spokane County Parks 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 the Applicant from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters, or sediments resulting from project construction or operations.

In view of the foregoing and in accordance with 33 U.S.C. §1341, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260 Chapter 173-200 WAC and Chapter 173-201A WAC, this WQC is granted to the Spokane County Parks for the Bear Lake Regional Park Shoreline Restoration project.

This Certification is not effective until the U.S. Corps of Engineers (Corps) Seattle District issues a Department of the Army (DA) permit for this project. Order No. **21661** will remain valid for the duration of the associated DA permit. Spokane County Parks should send a copy of the final DA permit to fednotification@ecy.wa.gov within two weeks of receiving it.

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. 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://eluhw.wa.gov/content/11>.

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

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see filing options 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 Order 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:

pchb-shbappeals@eluhwa.gov

Serving a copy of the appeal on Ecology:

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

Filing by mail

Mailing Address:

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

Filing in person (or by certified mail/courier)

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Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
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Lacey, WA 98503

Contact Information

Please direct all questions about this WQC Order to:

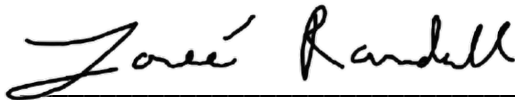
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More Information

- **Pollution Control Hearings Board Website**
<http://www.eluhwa.gov/content/11>
- **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**
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-201A>

Signature



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HQ Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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Date