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April 24, 2023

WA Department of Transportation ATTN: Jeff Sawyer PO Box 47440 Olympia, WA 98504-7440

Re: Water Quality Certification Order No. 16452 (Corps No. NWS-2018-0917-DOT-A), US

101 Elwha River Bridge Replacement, Clallam County, Washington

Dear Jeff Sawyer:

On October 24, 2022, the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the US 101 Elwha River Bridge Replacement in Clallam County, Washington.

WSDOT is proposing to construct a new bridge over the Elwha river north of the existing bridge and demolish the old bridge. To mitigate impacts to the river from previous emergency actions to address scour to the old bridge from dam removal, 12 engineered log jams will be constructed downstream of the new bridge.

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 Penny Kelley at 360-280-8856. The enclosed WQC Order may be appealed by following the procedures described within.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure 2

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IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A WATER) QUALITY CERTIFICATION TO)

WA Department of Transportation 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. 16452
 Corps Reference No. NWS-2018-0917-DOT-A
 US 101 Elwha River Bridge – Bridge Replacement
 on the Elwha River, located in Clallam County,
 Washington.

WA Department of Transportation Attn: Jeff Sawyer PO Box 47440 Olympia, WA 98504-7440

The WA Department of Transportation (WSDOT) submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) for the US 101 Elwha River Bridge Replacement in Clallam County, Washington. The following processing dates are referenced below:

- On May 24, 2022, WSDOT submitted a pre-filing meeting request.
- On October 24, 2022, Ecology received a request for Clean Water Section 401 Water Quality Certification.
- On December 2, 2022, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) sent a permit notification to Ecology that indicated that they are processing the project under Nationwide Permit (NWP) No. 14 and 27.
- On January 13, 2023, Ecology issued a public notice for the project.

The project proposes to construct a new bridge north (downstream) of an existing bridge that has experienced significant scour upon the removal of Elwha River Dams. The new bridge will have two piers in the water, consisting of two drilled shafts and two bridge columns per pier. The existing bridge will be utilized during construction for local traffic. Upon completion of the new bridge, the existing bridge will be demolished in two stages. The first stage will remove the western end of the bridge and the second stage will remove the remaining eastern end. The staged demolition allows the river to be shifted to one side of the channel, creating an isolated work area where demolition debris can be contained and removed. Downstream of the existing and new bridge structures, 12 engineered log jams will be constructed as mitigation for riverine impacts resulting from emergency actions to address the scour around bridge footings of the existing bridge in 2016 and 2017.

The project site is located on US 101 at milepost 239.5 (8.8 miles west of Port Angeles) crossing the Elwha River in Clallam County, Washington, Section 28, Township 30N., Range 7W., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 18 Elwha-Dungeness.

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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 Project Proponent of the project authorized 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 Order (WQC Order), Ecology is granting with conditions WSDOT's request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the US 101 Elwha River Bridge Replacement on the Elwha River located in Clallam County. Ecology has determined that the proposed discharges will comply with all applicable state water quality and other appropriate requirements of State law, provided the project is conducted in accordance with the WQC request that Ecology received on October 24, 2022, the supporting documents referenced in Table 1 below, and the conditions of this WQC Order.

Table 1. Supporting Documents

Date Received	Document Type	Title and Date	Author
10-24-2022	Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) Form	JARPA (dated October 5, 2022)	WSDOT

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Date Received	Document Type	Title and Date	Author
10-20-2022	Drawings	JARPA Plan sheets: US 101 Elwha River Bridge – Bridge Replacement (dated 08-18-2022)	WSDOT
10-17-2022	Biological Assessment	Biological Assessment Supplement US 101 Elwha Bridge Replacement project (dated 07-29-2022)	WSDOT
04-05-2023	Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA)	US 101/Elwha River – Bridge Replacement HPA (dated 03-20- 2023)	WA Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
10-17-2022	Wetland and Stream Assessment	Final Wetland and Stream Assessment Report US 101 Elwha River – Bridge Replacement (dated 06-15-2022)	WSDOT
10-17-2022	Water Quality Monitoring and Protection Plan	In-Water Work Water Quality Monitoring & Protection Plan for Individual 401, US 101/Elwha River Bridge – Bridge Replacement (dated 10-13-2022)	WSDOT

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

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Water Quality Certification Conditions

The following conditions will be incorporated into the Corps permit and strictly adhered to by the WSDOT. Specific condition justifications and citations are provided below each condition in *italic text*.

A. General Conditions

- 1. In this WQC Order, the term "Project Proponent" shall mean the WSDOT and its 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, RCW 90.48.080, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 2. All submittals required by this WQC Order shall be sent to Ecology's Headquarters Office, Attn: Federal Permit Manager, via e-mail to fednotification@ecy.wa.gov and cc to penny.kelley@ecy.wa.gov. The submittals shall be identified with WQC Order No. 16452 and include the Project Proponent's name, Corps permit number, project name, project contact, and the contact phone number.
 - 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 Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 3. Work authorized by this WQC Order is limited to the work described in the WQC request package received by Ecology on October 24, 2022, 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 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, and may require a new WQC request.

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- Citation 40 CFR 121.5, 40 CFR 121.10, 40 CFR 121.11, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-204 WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 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 Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.090, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 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.
 - 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 Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 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.

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- 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, Ecology is certifying the project as proposed will not negatively
 impact state 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300(2)(e)(i), WAC 173-201A-310, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 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 and the conditions of 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. Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality.
 Civil penalties and other enforcement actions are the primary means of securing compliance
 with water quality requirements.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.037, RCW 90.48.080, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.140, RCW 90.48.142, RCW 90.48.144, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 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, and has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. 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 401 certification pre-filing meeting, followed by a new WQC request (after requisite 30-days) is required.
 - Citation- 40 CFR 121.1(k) and (n), 40 CFR 121.3, 40 CFR 121.5, 40 CFR 121.11, Chapter 90.48 RCW, and Chapter 173-201 WAC.

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- 10. The Project Proponent shall send (per A.2.) a copy of the final Federal permit to Ecology's Federal Permit Manager within two weeks of receiving it.
 - Justification This condition is needed to ensure that all the conditions of the WQC Order have been incorporated into the federal permit.
 - Citation 40 CFR 121.10, 40 CFR 121.11, and Chapter 90.48 RCW.

B. Notification Requirements

- 1. The following notifications shall be made via phone or e-mail (e-mail is preferred) to Ecology's Federal Permit Manager via e-mail to fednotification@ecy.wa.gov and cc to penny.kelley@ecy.wa.gov. Notifications shall be identified with WQC Order No.16452 Corps Reference No. NWS-2018-0917-DOT-A, and include the Project Proponent name, project name, project location, project contact and the phone number.
 - 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;
 - c. At least ten (10) days prior to conducting initial in-water work activities; and
 - d. Within seven (7) days of completion of each in-water work activities.
 - Justification Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, Chapter 173-204 WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 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 Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. This condition is intended to assure the Project Proponent remains in full compliance with state water quality requirements for the duration of the project.

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- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 3. If the project construction is not completed within 13 months of issuance of this WQC Order, the Project Proponent shall submit per Condition A2 a written construction status report and submit status reports every 12 months until construction and mitigation are completed.
 - Justification Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, Chapter 173-204 WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.

C. Timing

- 1. This WQC Order is effective upon issuance of the U.S. Corps of Engineers (Corps) NWP permits for this project and will remain valid for the duration of the associated permits 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 WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 2. The following in-water work windows apply to the project:
 - a. All activities within the wetted perimeter of the Elwha River may be conducted between July 15th and August 31st of any year. If work needs to be conducted outside this window the Applicant shall update the WQMP for the project and submit it to Ecology.
 - Justification This condition is reaffirming the project will take place during a time period that will not harm fish or other aquatic species.
 - Citation Chapter 77.55 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300, WAC 173-201A-330, WAC 173-225-010, and Chapter 220-660 WAC.

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- 3. Any project change that requires a new or revised Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) from the Department of Fish and Wildlife should be sent to Ecology for review before the change is implemented.
 - Justification This condition is reaffirming the project will take place during a time period that will not harm fish or other aquatic species.
 - Citation Chapter 77.55 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300, WAC 173-201A-330, WAC 173-225-010, and Chapter 220-660 WAC.

D. Water Quality Monitoring and Criteria

- The Elwha River is categorized as Core Summer Salmonid Habitat and the criteria of the
 categorization apply as described in WAC 173-201A-200(1). This WQC Order does not authorize
 the Project Proponent to exceed applicable water quality standards beyond the limits
 established in Chapter 173-201A WAC, except as authorized by this WQC Order.
 - Justification This condition ensures compliance with water quality standards 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 2. For the activities identified below in Table 2, the Project Proponent is granted a larger area of mixing for turbidity within the in-water work window identified in condition C2 above and shall comply with the point of compliance identified in Table 2.

Table 2: Area of Mixing

Activity	Waterbody	Point of Compliance
Construction of Engineered Log Jams	Elwha River	1800′
Installing Supersack Dam/Berm	Elwha River	1800'

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Installing drilled shafts	Elwha River	1800′

- Justification This condition is necessary to ensure that the monitoring as proposed by the Project Proponent and authorized by Ecology is conducted to protect 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 3. Prior to starting any in-water work of each year, the Applicant shall conduct a spawning survey to determine the spawning locations in the channel 1800' downstream of the farthest Engineered Log Jam. The survey shall be used to identify the location of the spawning reds. The Applicant shall ensure that any turbidity from the projects does not impact the spawning reds.
 - Justification This condition ensures compliance with water quality standards 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 4. The Project Proponent shall implement the Water Quality Monitoring and Protection Plan (WQMPP), identified in Table 1.
 - Justification This condition is necessary to ensure that the monitoring and BMPs that are
 proposed by the Project Proponent and authorized by Ecology are conducted to protect
 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
 - 5. If water quality exceedances for turbidity are observed outside the point of compliance, work shall cease immediately and the Project Proponent or the contractor shall assess the cause of the water quality problem and take immediate action to stop, contain, and correct the problem and prevent further water quality turbidity exceedances.

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- Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and prevent exceedances of the water quality standards that protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 6. Visible turbidity anywhere beyond the temporary area of mixing (point of compliance) from the activity, shall be considered an exceedance of the standard.
 - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and prevent exceedances of the water quality standards that protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 7. Monitoring results shall be submitted monthly to Ecology's Federal Permit Manager, per condition A.2.
 - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and prevent exceedances of the water quality standards that protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 8. Ecology may ask or could use its discretionary authority to require the Project Proponent to provide mitigation and/or additional monitoring if the monitoring results indicate that the water quality standards have not been met.
 - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and ensure that aquatic life and beneficial uses are protected.
 - Citation RCW 90.48, RCW 90.48.010, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, 173-201A-300-330 WAC, and Chapter 173-204 WAC.

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E. Construction

General Conditions

- 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 BMPs 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 3. No stockpiling or staging of materials shall occur at or below the OHWM of any waterbody.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

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- 4. The Project Proponent shall 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.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 5. Within the project limits¹ all environmentally sensitive areas including, but not limited to, wetlands, wetland buffers, shoreline riparian buffers and mitigation areas shall be fenced with high visibility construction fencing (HVF) or staked and flagged in areas of high wildlife use, prior to commencing construction activities. Construction activities include equipment staging, materials storage, and work vehicle parking. Note: This condition does not apply to activities such as pre-construction surveying and installing HVF and construction zone signage.
 - All field staff shall be trained to recognize HVF, understand its purpose and properly install it
 in the appropriate locations.
 - b. HVF shall be maintained until all work is completed for each project or each stage of a staged 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.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 6. 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.

¹ Project limits include mitigation sites, staging areas, borrow sources, and other sites developed or used to support project construction.

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- Citation -Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 7. All construction debris, excess sediment not utilized as backfill in engineered log jams, 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 8. All equipment being used below the ordinary high water mark shall utilize biodegradable hydraulic fluid.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 9. Applicant shall ensure that fill (soil, gravel, or other material) placed for the proposed project does not contain toxic materials in toxic amounts.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300-330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 10. Work within waters of the state shall be conducted in the dry or during periods of low flow to the extent practicable.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300-330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

- 11. Temporary cofferdams, bladder dams, super sack dams, floating turbidity curtains, and bypasses used to divert water around the work area shall be in place prior to initiation of work below the OHWM. These shall be properly deployed and maintained in order to minimize turbidity and re-suspension of sediment.
 - Justification This condition ensures containment and limits movement of sediment that could cause water quality exceedances. 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300-330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 12. To minimize sediment releases, re-introduction of water into the isolated work area shall be done gradually, and at a rate not higher than the normal flow.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300-330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

Equipment and Maintenance

- 13. Staging areas will be located a minimum of 50 feet and, where practical, 200 feet, from waters of the state, including wetlands, unless otherwise requested by the project proponent and authorized by Ecology.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

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14. Equipment used for this project shall be free of external petroleum-based products while used around the waters of the state, including wetlands. Accumulation of soils or debris shall be removed from the drive mechanisms (wheels, tires, tracks, etc.) and the undercarriage of equipment prior to its use around waters of the state, including wetlands.

- 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 15. 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.
 - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 16. 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 173-200, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 17. 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.

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- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 18. Turbidity curtains shall be properly deployed and maintained in order to minimize turbidity and re-suspension of sediment.
 - Justification This condition ensures containment and limits movement of sediment that could cause water quality exceedances. 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 19. A separate area shall be set aside, which does not have any possibility of draining to surface waters, for the wash-out of concrete delivery trucks, pumping equipment, and tools.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

Engineered Log Jams

- 20. Sediment excavated for engineered log jams and/or scour pools shall not be stockpiled in the wetted channel.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 21. Any excavated sediment temporarily stockpiled below the OHWM but outside the wetted channel for backfill material shall be stabilized to prevent discharges of sediment and or runoff into flowing water.

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• 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

Bridge Construction and Demolition

- 22. No structural material may enter waters of the state during bridge demolition activities.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 23. During demolition, structures shall be removed from the banks, existing roads, or from adjacent bridges whenever possible. When necessary, equipment may operate below the OHWM, provided the work is consistent with the project's most recent HPA.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 24. The Project Proponent shall minimize disturbance of vegetation when constructing temporary work platforms for bridge construction and demolition activities.
 - Justification Vegetation removal or disturbance can contribute to erosion and turbidity issues. 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010.
- 25. All forms for concrete shall be completely sealed to prevent the possibility of fresh concrete entering waters of the state.

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• 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 26. All concrete shall be completely cured prior to coming into contact with water.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 27. Concrete process water shall not enter waters of the state. Any concrete process/contact water discharged from a confined area with curing concrete shall be routed to upland areas to be treated and disposed of appropriately with no possible entry to 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 28. All saw cut water and debris generated from saw cutting activities that occur above water shall be contained and disposed of appropriately with no possible entry to 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 29. All excavated sediment shall be disposed upland in an approved disposal site, unless otherwise authorized by this WQC Order.

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- Justification Ecology must be assured that the Project Proponent is managing and disposing of sediment to protect water quality and beneficial uses.
- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

Dewatering

- 30. Turbid dewatering water associated with in-water work shall not be discharged directly to waters of the state, including wetlands. Turbid dewatering water shall be routed to an upland area for on-site or off-site settling.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 31. Clean dewatering water associated with in-water work that has been tested and confirmed to meet water quality standards may be discharged directly to waters of the state including wetlands. The discharge outfall method shall be designed and operated so as not to cause erosion or scour in the stream channel, banks, or vegetation.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 32. The dewatering outfall or method of discharge shall be designed and operated so as not to cause erosion or scour in state waters, banks, or vegetation.
 - 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

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33. All equipment associated with dewatering activities shall be properly operated and maintained.

- Justification Maintained equipment is less likely to fail or leak pollutants. 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

Bank Stabilization

- 34. Prior to returning stream flow to the de-watered work area, all proposed bank protection measures shall be in place.
 - Justification Unprotected banks could erode, causing bank instability and contribute to water quality impacts. 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

F. Emergency/Contingency Measures

- 1. The Project Proponent shall develop and implement a spill prevention and containment plan for all aspects of 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 90.56.280 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-303-145.
- 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.

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 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, RCW 90.56.280, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-303-145.
- 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, RCW 90.56.280, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-303-145.
- 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:
 - 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 and 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.

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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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, RCW 90.56.280, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-303-145.
- 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, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, RCW 90.56.280, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-303-145.

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 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 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.

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

Filing an appeal with the PCHB:

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: https://eluho.wa.gov/content/11

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Not currently available (see WAC 371-08)

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Contact Information

Please direct all questions about this WQC Order to:

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More Information

• Pollution Control Hearings Board Website

http://www.eluho.wa.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

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Signature

Dated this 24th day of April 2023 at the Department of Ecology, Lacey Washington

Brenden McFarland, Section Manager

Environmental Review and Transportation Section, HQ Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program WQC Order No. 16452, Corps No. NWS-2018-0917-DOT-A Aquatics No. 136978 April 24, 2023 Page 27 of 27

Attachment A Statement of Understanding

Water Quality Certification Conditions

US 101 Elwha River Bridge Replacement Water Quality Certification WQC Order No. 16452

As the Project Proponent for US 101 Elwha River Bridge Replacement project, I have read and understand the conditions of Washington State Department of Ecology WQC Order No. 16452, 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.

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