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ATTN: Rachel Chang
Safety & Environmental Compliance Office
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Activity Undertaken by a
Federal Agency
NOAA Manchester Research Station Seawater System Replacement & Campus Addition
Manchester, Kitsap County, Washington

Dear Rachel Chang:

On February 27, 2023, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) submitted a Consistency Determination with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP). On April 24, 2023, Ecology requested a 15-day extension pursuant to 15 CFR 930.41(b). On May 4, 2023, Ecology and NOAA agreed to a second extension until May 20, 2023. At Ecology's request, NOAA supplied additional information on May 9, 2023. Ecology issued a 21-day public notice on March 23, 2023, and received no comments.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is one of several Line Offices within NOAA. The NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) conducts leading-edge data acquisition, research and analyses that provide the foundation for management decisions to protect, recover, restore, and sustain ecosystems and living marine resources in the Pacific Northwest. In addition to the NWFSC regional headquarters, there are five research stations throughout the Pacific Northwest; one of these five stations is the NWFSC Manchester Research Station (MRS).

NMFS and NWFSC are proposing to install a replacement seawater treatment and construct up to four new research laboratory/office buildings at the MRS in two phases:

- Phase 1 includes the design and installation of a replacement seawater processing, distribution, and depuration system and deliver processed water to a common head tank capable of supplying existing and future fisheries and aquaculture operations for

the entire facility. The proposed design is intended to reduce overall seawater system operation and maintenance costs and to make the system more reliable, as the current seawater distribution system at the site is only minimally able to meet the current needs of the MRS and is not sufficient for anticipated future use.

- Phase 2 includes the construction of up to four new buildings on the site to accommodate expanded program requirements identified by NOAA as part of their 2022 Site Master Plan. The new buildings would provide laboratories, hatcheries, office space, and storage areas to serve the Environmental and Fisheries Science and Conservation Biology Divisions or both.

The proposed federal activity is located on NOAA property supporting the NWFSC MRS within the 31-acre Manchester Annex. The project site is located on parcel number 162402-1-001-2005, adjacent to Clam Bay, near Manchester, Kitsap County, Washington; Section 16, Township 24 North, Range 2 East.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with NOAA's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP. The proposed action was reviewed for consistency under the applicable enforceable policies found in the state Shoreline Management Act, the State Water Pollution Control Act, and the Washington Clean Air Act. The proposal did not trigger the enforceable policies of the Ocean Resources Management Act or the Marine Spatial Plan for Washington's Pacific Coast.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency determination, please contact Teresa Pucylowski at 360-764-0546 or teressa.pucylowski@ecy.wa.gov.

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.

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

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Not currently available (see WAC 371-08)

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Sincerely,



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