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June 15, 2023

Puyallup Tribe of Indians  
ATTN: Kyle Eley  
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for the Puyallup Tribe Seaplane  
Foat (Corps No. 202001044), Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington

Dear Kyle Eley:

On May 17, 2023, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. Ecology issued a public notice on May 22, 2023, and received no comments. The project is located in Commencement Bay, near Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington.

This determination is for the proposal to retain work previously installed by the previous landowner and authorized under emergency procedures, which included the replacement of two ramp and float structures in the same footprint, and to install new seasonal seaplane floats. The proposed seaplane floats would be installed in May and removed in October of each year.

The new seaplane floats would consist of a 21-foot-two-inch by 34-foot segment, an eight-foot by 46-foot segment, and an eight-foot by 18-foot segment. Seaplane float surfaces would be 50 percent fiberglass grating and 50 percent recycled plastic lumber (RPL) decking with permanently encapsulated flotation. All floatation is permanently encapsulated and will stay four feet above any submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) present. A SAV survey was completed in July 2022.

Seaplane floats would be towed to the project site by tugboat in May and secured to the existing float structure through bracket attachments. In October, seaplane floats would be disconnected using hand tools and towed by tugboat to upland storage in Tacoma.

Proposed floats would be prefabricated at Marine Floats Corporation in Tacoma, Washington and towed to the site for installation. Floats would be connected to the existing eight-foot by 60-foot float, and disconnected seasonally to be stored at an upland facility. No new piles or anchors would be installed.

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians proposes to mitigate for impacts of the new, seasonal overwater structures (seaplane floats) by restoring nearshore habitat at 4222 Marine View Drive, Tacoma, Washington. Proposed mitigation includes removal of tire debris, concrete debris, and creosote-treated wood piles from the upper and lower shore zone at the Hylebos Waterway.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians' determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

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

## **Your right to appeal**

You have a right to appeal this decision 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 decision:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this decision 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 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 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://elaho.wa.gov/content/11>

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Sincerely,



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