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June 15, 2023

Singh Sabha Gurdwara
ATTN: Charanjit Hundal
3319 Airport Drive
Bellingham, WA 98226

Re: Water Quality Certification Order No. **21791** for Corps Reference No. **NWS-2022-850**,
Singh Sabha Gurdwara Playfield, Whatcom County, Washington

Dear Charanjit Hundal:

On December 22, 2022, Singh Sabha Gurdwara submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the Singh Sabha Gurdwara Playfield project, in Whatcom 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 Chris Luerkens at (360) 410-4807. The enclosed WQC Order may be appealed by following the procedures described within.

Sincerely,

Joe Burcar, Section Manager
Northwest Regional Office
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Enclosure (1)

WQC Order No. 21791, Corps No. NWS-2022-850
Aquatics No. 142162
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In The Matter of Granting a Water Quality
Certification to Singh Sabha Gurdwara
pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120,
RCW 90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC

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WQC Order No.	21791
Corps Reference No.	NWS-2022-850
Site Location	Singh Sabha Gurdwara Playfield, located within wetlands, Bellingham, Whatcom County, Washington.

Singh Sabha Gurdwara submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the Singh Sabha Gurdwara Playfield, Whatcom County, Washington. The following required processing dates are listed below:

- On 11/9/2022, Singh Sabha Gurdwara submitted a pre-filing meeting request.
- On 12/22/2022, Ecology received a request for Clean Water Section 401 Water Quality Certification.
- On 11/4/2022 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. 42 and 43 and requires an individual Section 401.
- On 3/2/2023, Ecology issued a public notice for the project.

This project proposes to develop a grass playfield south of the existing Temple Singh Sabha Gurdwara. An existing stormwater pond and dispersion trench serving the site will be removed and a new stormwater pond and dispersion trench will be constructed on the west side of the property adjacent to the playfield. The project will result in fill of approximately 0.17 acre of wetland. Compensatory wetland mitigation will occur on site through approximately 0.17 acres of creation and 0.34 acres of wetland enhancement, and wetland buffer enhancement.

The project site is located at 591 Telegraph Road, Bellingham, within areas of wetland, Whatcom County, Washington, Section 18, Township 38 N., Range 03 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 1 Nooksack.

With this WQC Order, Ecology is granting with conditions Singh Sabha Gurdwara's request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Singh Sabha Gurdwara Playfield project, provided that the activity is conducted in accordance with the Section 401 Water Quality

Certification request and attachments Ecology received on 12/22/2022, and the following supporting documentation:

1. MITIGATION PLAN, PROJECT: Singh Sabha Gurdwara Playfield, prepared by Northwest Wetlands Consulting LLC, dated June 8, 2023.

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, Singh Sabha Gurdwara 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 Singh Sabha Gurdwara 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.

Special Condition:

1. Singh Sabha Gurdwara shall provide access to the project site and all mitigation site 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.
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 chris.luerkens@ecy.wa.gov. The submittals shall be identified with WQC Order No. 21681 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.

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 with conditions to the Singh Sabha Gurdwara for the Singh Sabha Gurdwara Playfield 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. WQC Order No. **21791** will remain valid for the duration of the associated DA permit. Singh Sabha Gurdwara 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 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.

Filing an appeal with the PCHB:

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit:

<https://eluh0.wa.gov/content/11>

Address and Location Information

Street Addresses:

Department of Ecology

Attn: Appeals Processing Desk

300 Desmond Drive SE

Lacey, WA 98503

Pollution Control Hearings Board

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STE 301
Tumwater, WA 98501

Mailing Addresses:

Department of Ecology

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

Pollution Control Hearings Board

PO Box 40903
Olympia, WA 98504-0903

E-Mail Address:

Department of Ecology

Not currently available (see Chapter 371-08 WAC)

Pollution Control Hearings Board

Pchb-shbappeals@elaho.wa.gov

Americans with Disabilities Act Information

Accommodation Requests

To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at 360-407-7668 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. People with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

Contact Information

Please direct all questions about this WQC Order to:

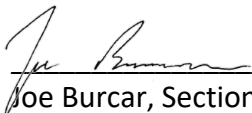
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More Information

- **Pollution Control Hearings Board Website**
<http://eluh0.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>

Signature

Dated this 15th day of June, 2023 at the Department of Ecology, Shoreline, Washington.



Joe Burcar, Section Manager

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