



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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June 22, 2023

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
ATTN: Doug Wiedemeier
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Minter Creek Hatchery
(Corps No. NWS-2019-990), Minter Creek, Pierce County, Washington

Dear Doug Wiedemeier:

On June 12, 2023, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project.

The Minter Creek Hatchery project seeks to improve surface water intakes, screens, and fish ladders. Currently, the screens and fish ladders at the intakes do not meet state and federal standards and need to be brought up to current standards. The current upper intake takes water in at two locations. The new intake will eliminate the second location. A new channel spanning weir and fish ladder will replace the current structure. A new sediment settling pond will be constructed to significantly reduce sediment passed into the hatchery and the wear it has on hatchery pumps and pipes. The current sand trap will be removed. There is active erosion of the access road. Oversteepened slopes will be stabilized with rock and plantings. The old concrete fish counting structure will be partially removed (first pair of supports on either side of channel, and concrete base between them) to allow stream processes to resume naturally. New piping will be installed along with a buried electrical conduit up the access road to the upper intake. This work will take place at Minter Creek Hatchery in Gig Harbor, Pierce County, Washington.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Erin Hanlon Brown at 360-280-1037.

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://eluhwa.gov/content/11>

Address and Location Information

Street Address:

Department of Ecology

Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
300 Desmond Drive SE
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Pollution Control Hearings Board

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Not currently available (see WAC 371-08)

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Sincerely,



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