



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
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August 10, 2023

United States Coast Guard  
ATTN: Gilda Barboza and Erin Hale  
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Re: Termination of Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 20136 and First Amendment

Dear Gilda Barboza and Erin Hale:

For the reasons stated below, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) hereby terminates Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) Order No. 20136 and First Amendment, pursuant to RCW 90.48.120.

### **Project Background**

On December 31, 2015, Ecology issued a Section 401 WQC, and a First Amendment issued on February 3, 2022, to United States Coast Guard (USCG) for the USCG Station Cape Disappointment Maintenance Dredge project. Ecology is terminating WQC Order 20136 and First Amendment because the maintenance dredging volumes were expanded, resulting in a new Section 401 WQC Order 21788 issued August 9, 2023.

### **Your right to appeal**

You have a right to appeal this action 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 letter:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this letter 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 letter on the Department of Ecology mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

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

## Filing an appeal

### Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://elaho.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

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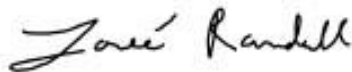
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If you have questions, please contact Laura Inouye at (360) 515-8213 or [Laura.Inouye@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Laura.Inouye@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: WQC Order 20136 & First Amendment



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**IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A ) ORDER # 20136**  
**WATER QUALITY ) Corps Reference No. NWS-2021-00246**  
**CERTIFICATION TO ) USCG Station Cape Disappointment**  
**United States Coast Guard ) Maintenance Dredge, Pacific County,**  
pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA ) Washington.  
§ 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260 )  
and Chapter 173-201A WAC )

United States Coast Guard  
ATTN: Will Robinson  
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On February 10, 2021, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) submitted a pre-filing meeting request to the Department of Ecology (Ecology). The USCG then on March 15, 2021, submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the USCG Station Cape Disappointment Maintenance Dredge, Pacific County, Washington. The Department of Ecology considered the request valid on April 8, 2021. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a joint public notice with Ecology on April 8, 2021.

The proposed work consists of dredging of up to 20,000 cubic yards of accreted sediment from the U.S. Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment mooring basin. Up to 4,000 cubic yards of sediment would be dredged initially, and up to an additional 16,000 cubic yards over a 10-year period. The proposed dredging would maintain operational depths of the mooring basin to a target depth of -10 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) with a 2-foot over dredge allowance to -12 feet MLLW. Dredging would occur via hydraulic suction dredge or clamshell dredge from a barge-mounted crane. Dredged material disposal is not covered under this certification, since proposed disposal is in Oregon (flow lane of the Columbia River at the Baker Bay Flowlane Disposal or Flowlane Area D).

The project is located within the Baker Bay and Columbia River in section 9, Township 9N, range 11W, in WRIA No. 24 (Willapa).

## **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;
2. 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;

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; and,
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.

With this Water Quality Certification (WQC) Order, Ecology is granting with conditions, the USCG’s request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the USCG Cape Disappointment Station Dredging project. Ecology has determined that the proposed discharges will comply with all applicable state water quality requirements, provided the project is conducted in accordance with the Section 401 Water Quality Certification Request Ecology received on March 15, 2021, and the supporting documentation referenced in the Table 1 below, **and the conditions of this Order.**

Table #1 – Supporting Documentation Received

Date Received	Document Type	Title & Date	Author
February 26, 2021	Biological Evaluation	<i>Draft Environmental Assessment for Proposed Maintenance Dredging at Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment, Pacific County, Washington, dated February 2021</i>	Wood Environmental
March 15, 2021	Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA)	<i>Washington State Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) Form, signed February 25, 2021</i>	William Robinson, USCG
March 15, 2021	Suitability Determination	<i>Suitability Determination Memorandum and Antidegradation Assessment for Maintenance Dredging at U.S. Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment in Ilwaco, Washington (NWS-2021-246), dated March 10, 2021</i>	DMMP
April 4, 2021	SEPA	<i>Notice of Application, Final SEPA Determination of Non-significance, Substantial Shoreline Development Conditional Use, dated March 31, 2021</i>	Zane Johnson, Pacific County

April 5, 2021	Joint Public Notice	<i>Joint Public Notice, Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence</i>	USACE
April 9, 2021 initial version, revised April 30, 2021 and on May 5, 2021. Final submitted May 5, 2021	Water Quality Monitoring Plan	Final Water Quality Monitoring Protection Plan for Dredging at United States Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment, dated April 19, 2021	Wood Environmental
April 15, 2021, initial version; final submitted June 21, 2021	Eelgrass Mitigation Plan	<i>Eelgrass Mitigation and Monitoring Plan, USCG Station Cape Disappointment Maintenance Dredging Project, Pacific County, Washington, dated June 2021</i>	Merkel and Associates

Issuance of this Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this proposal does not authorize the USCG 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 USCG from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters, or sediments resulting from project construction or operations.

#### **A. General Conditions**

Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 certification is granted with conditions to the USCG. Ecology has determined that any discharge from the proposed project will comply with water quality requirements, as defined by 40 CFR 121.1(n), subject to the following conditions pursuant to Section 33 USC §1341(d). Additionally, the following conditions shall be incorporated into the Corps permit and strictly adhered to by the USCG. 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.

Specific condition justifications and citations required by 40 CFR 121.7(d)(1) are provided below each condition in *italic text*.

1. In this WQC Order, the term “Project Proponent” shall mean the USCG 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, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.48.120 RCW, Chapter 90.48.260 RCW, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*
2. All submittals required by this WQC Order shall be sent to Ecology Headquarters Office, Attn: Federal Permit Manager, via e-mail to [fednotification@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:fednotification@ecy.wa.gov) and cc to [laura.inouye@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:laura.inouye@ecy.wa.gov). The submittals shall be identified with Order #20136 and include the Project Proponent’s name, Corps reference 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 – 40 CFR 121, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.120 RCW, Chapter 90.48.260 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*
3. Work authorized by this WQC Order is limited to the work described in the WQC Request package received by Ecology on March 15, 2021, and the supporting documentation identified in Table 1 above.
  - *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 our state’s 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.*
  - *Citation – 40 CFR 121, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.120 RCW, Chapter 90.48.260 RCW, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-204 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*
4. The Project Proponent shall send (per condition A.2 above) a copy of the final Corps permit to Ecology’s Federal Permit Manager within two weeks of receiving it.
  - *Justification - This condition is needed to verify that the Corps completed the permit process and an authorization has been issued. Additionally, it allows Ecology to ensure that all of the conditions of this WQC Order have been incorporated into the Corps Permit to protect water quality.*
  - *Citation – 40 CFR 121.10, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A.*
5. 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 – 40 CFR 121.3, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*
6. The Project Proponent needs to 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 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, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.090 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.48*
7. 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 Order and all permits, approvals, and documents referenced in this Order. The Project Proponent shall provide Ecology a signed statement (see Attachment A for an example) from each signatory that s/he has read and understands the conditions of this Order and the above-referenced permits, plans, documents and approvals. These statements shall be provided to Ecology 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 – 40 CFR 121.1(j), Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*
8. This 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 Order.
- *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, we are certifying the project as proposed will not negatively impact our state's 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, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300(2)(e)(i) WAC, Chapter 173-201A-310 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*
9. 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 terms of this 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; civil penalties and other enforcement actions are the primary means of securing compliance with water quality requirements.*

- *Citation – Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.037 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.48.120 RCW, Chapter 90.48.142 RCW, Chapter 90.48.144 RCW, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*

## **B. Notification Requirements**

1. The following notification 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](mailto:fednotification@ecy.wa.gov) and cc to [Laura.Inouye@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Laura.Inouye@ecy.wa.gov). Notifications shall be identified with Order #20136 and include the Project Proponent's name, Corps reference #, project name, project location, project contact and the contact's phone number.
  - a. Immediately following a violation of state water quality standards or when the project is out of compliance with any of this Orders conditions.
  - 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 for each in-water work window.
  - d. At least seven (7) days within each in-water work window.
  - *Justification - 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, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300–330 WAC, Chapter 173-204 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*
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 - Ensure the Project Proponent remains in full compliance with state water quality requirements for the duration of the project.*
  - *Citation – Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.120 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*

## **C. Timing**

1. This Order will expire on June 29, 2031.
  - *Justification – Certifications are required for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge. Ecology needs to be able to specify how long the WQC Order will be in effect.*
  - *Citation – 40 CFR 121 and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*
2. In-water work shall be conducted between November 1 and February 15 of any year.

- *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, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300 WAC, Chapter 173-201A-330 WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC, and Chapter 220-660 WAC.*
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.
- *Justification - This condition is requiring notification of any project changes to ensure the project meet's the state's Water Quality Standards. Additionally, an HPA may include additional BMPs that Ecology needs to be aware of.*
  - *Citation – Chapter 77.55 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300 WAC, Chapter 173-201A-330 WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC, and Chapter 220-660 WAC.*

#### **D. Water Quality Monitoring & Criteria**

1. This Order does not authorize the Project Proponent to exceed applicable turbidity standards beyond the limits established in WAC 173-201A-210(1)(e)(i).
  - *Justification – This condition provides citation to the appropriate water quality standard criteria 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, 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. The Project Proponent shall conduct water quality monitoring as described in the approved *Final Water Quality Monitoring Protection Plan for Dredging at United States Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment* (hereafter referred to as the WQMP) prepared by Wood Environmental dated April 19, 2021.
  - *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, 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.*
3. Monitoring results shall be submitted weekly to the Ecology Federal Permit Manager, per condition A.2.

- *Justification – This information is necessary for Ecology to determine if the project was implemented as approved by the WQC Order and that no adverse impacts to water quality or beneficial uses occurred.*
  - *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.*
4. Visible turbidity anywhere beyond the temporary area of mixing (point of compliance) from the activity shall be considered an exceedance of the standard.
- *Justification – This condition specifically informs the Project Proponent of when they would be out of compliance with the water quality standards and an obvious sign of water quality degradation. 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.*
5. If water quality exceedances for turbidity are observed outside the point of compliance, the Project Proponent or the contractor shall assess the cause of the water quality problem and take immediate action to modify or stop, contain, and correct the problem and prevent further water quality turbidity exceedances.
- *Justification – Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and know if there are exceedances of the water quality standards that 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.*

#### **E. Dredging and Disposal**

1. All dredging is to be done using a mechanical or hydraulic dredge.
- *Justification – Ecology has reviewed the project and the BMPs for a specific type of dredging. Changes to the dredging method would require different BMPs. If new dredging methods are proposed, a new WQC pre-filing meeting request, followed by a new WQC request (after requisite 30-days) is required.*
  - *Citation – 40 CFR 121, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.52-040 RCW, Chapter 90.54.020(2)(b) RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-240(5)(b) WAC, and Chapter 173-204-400(2).*
  - This WQC Order does not authorize dredge material to be disposed within Washington's waters. If the disposal location changes and disposal in Washington waters is needed the Project Proponent must request a new WQC from Ecology. *Justification – The Project Proponent and the Corps public notice indicates that all material will be disposed of in Oregon. Ecology has the right to review the project*

*and the BMPs for a specific type of disposal technique and disposal location. If different in-water disposal sites are proposed, a new WQC pre-filing meeting request, followed by a new WQC request (after requisite 30-days) is required.*

- *Citation – 40 CFR 121, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.52-040 RCW, Chapter 90.54.020(2)(b) RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-240(5)(b) WAC, and Chapter 173-204-400(2).*
2. Dredging operations shall be conducted in a manner that minimizes the disturbance and siltation of adjacent waters and prevents the accidental discharge of petroleum products, chemicals or other toxic or deleterious substances 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, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300–330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*
  3. Dredged material shall not be temporarily or permanently stockpiled below the OHWM.
    - *Justification – Stockpiles below the OHWM 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.*
  4. All debris larger than two (2) feet in any dimension floating in the dredging area shall be removed.
    - *Justification – Ecology must be assured that the Project Proponent is managing of the debris and dredged 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, 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.*
  5. The *Dredging and Disposal Workplan* (Workplan) shall include the following:
    - a. General information including schedule, primary contact, and hours of operation
    - b. Dredged quantities and disposal location.
    - c. Dredging procedures and sequence
    - d. Equipment list
    - e. A description of the BMPs to be used for dredging, dewatering, and disposal.
    - *Justification - Ecology has reviewed the project and the BMP prior to the contractor being brought on board, therefore we need to obtain specific information regarding dredging and disposal plan to ensure that the specific type of dredging, disposal*

- technique and disposal location within the Workplan. This information will allow Ecology to ensure the project will comply with water quality standards. Also if there have been major changes to the original proposed dredging and disposal, work must not proceed and a new WQC pre-filing meeting request, followed by a new WQC request (after requisite 30-days) is required.*
- *Citation – CFR 121, Chapter 70A-200 RCW, Chapter 77.55 RCW, Chapter 79.02.30040 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.52-040 RCW, Chapter 90.54.020(2)(b) RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-240(5)(b) WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300 WAC, Chapter 173-201A-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-400(2) WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC, and Chapter 220-660 WAC.*
6. A pre-dredge meeting is required to be convened prior to the start of dredging. A **Dredging and Disposal Workplan** (Workplan) shall be submitted to Ecology to the address shown in Condition A2 two weeks prior to the pre-dredge meeting.
- *Justification – Ecology would like to meet with the Project Proponent and contractor to go over the Workplan prior start of work to ensure that the plan reflects the project that has been authorized by this WQC Order. If there has been major changes work must not proceed and a new WQC pre-filing meeting request, followed by a new WQC request (after requisite 30-days) is required.*
  - *Citation – CFR 121, Chapter 70A-200 RCW, Chapter 77.55 RCW, Chapter 79.02.30040 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.52-040 RCW, Chapter 90.54.020(2)(b) RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-240(5)(b) WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300 WAC, Chapter 173-201A-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-400(2) WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC, and Chapter 220-660 WAC.*
7. All dredging and disposal shall have a valid suitability determination prior to in-water work. This area ranks low in potential for contamination and the recency determination extends through October 2027. Contact the DMMO for a possible extension on this suitability determination.
- *Justification – The DMMP process confirms that material is suitable for in-water disposal and that the project meets state antidegradation regulations.*
  - *Citation – Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-230 WAC, Chapter 173-201A-240(1) WAC, Chapter 173-201A-240(2) WAC, Chapter 173-204 WAC, Chapter 173-204-110–120 WAC, Chapter 173-204-400(2) WAC, Chapter 173-204-410(7) WAC, Chapter 173-204-350(d), and Chapter 173-225 WAC.*
8. Only approximately 4,000 cubic yards of dredged material is allowed for the initial dredge cycle, with a total maximum of 20,000 cy over the life of the certification. Note: If additional material needs to dredging and dispose of, a new WQC pre-filing meeting request, followed by a new WQC request (after requisite 30-days) is required.

- *Justification – The volume of material is limited to what was characterized under the DMMP process.*
  - *Citation – Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-230 WAC, Chapter 173-201A-240(1) WAC, Chapter 173-201A-240(2) WAC, Chapter 173-204 WAC, Chapter 173-204-110–120 WAC, Chapter 173-204-400(2) WAC, Chapter 173-204-410(7) WAC, Chapter 173-204-350(d), and Chapter 173-225 WAC.*
9. Barges shall not be allowed to ground-out during in-water construction.
- *Justification – This condition protects shallow water habitat from damage.*
  - *Citation – Chapter 173-201A-300(2)(e)(i) WAC, Chapter 173-201A-310 WAC, and Chapter 173-204-120 WAC.*
10. Barges shall be kept free of material that could be blown into the water.
- *Justification – Release of debris or garbage is considered polluting matter and prohibited from being discharged into waters of the state.*
  - *Citation – Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 70A-200 RCW, and Chapter 79.02-300 RCW.*

## **F. Project Mitigation Conditions**

1. The Project Proponent shall implement the *Mitigation Plan, the USCG Entrance Channel Dredging Project, Longview, Washington*, prepared by Maul Foster and Alongi, Inc., dated June 2021 [hereafter referred to as “Mitigation Plan”], or as modified by this Order.
  - *Justification – This condition is necessary to ensure that unavoidable physical alterations are properly mitigated for the protection of water quality and beneficial uses*
  - *Citation – Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 90.74.005-040 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300 WAC, Chapter 173-201A-310 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC, and Chapter 220-660 WAC.*
2. The Project Proponent shall submit any changes to the Mitigation Plan in writing to Ecology (see A2 prior to implementing the change. Please note that substantial changes could require a new WQC).
  - *Justification – Ecology must be able to understand the scope of changes to the Mitigation Plan to ensure that unavoidable physical alterations are properly mitigated for the protection of water quality and beneficial uses.*
  - *Citation – Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 90.74.005-040 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300(2)(e)(i) WAC, Chapter 173-201A-310 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*
3. The Project Proponent shall submit an As-Built Report per Condition A2 within 90 days of completion of transplanting, showing transplanting location, density, and describing any changes in related to the eelgrass mitigation components.

- *Justification – To ensure the mitigation was implemented as reviewed and authorized to provide commensurate water quality functions and beneficial uses lost as a result of the project.*
  - *Citation – Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 90.74.005-040 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300(2)(e)(i) WAC, Chapter 173-201A-310 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*
4. The Project Proponent shall submit monitoring reports annually, by December 31 of each year, to Ecology (see A2) documenting eelgrass mitigation site conditions for years 1, 3, and 5. The reports shall include monitoring results for the eelgrass beds (spatial and plant metrics as defined in the Mitigation Plan) as well as a discussion on whether the performance standards are being met and contingency measures to be taken.
- *Justification – To ensure the mitigation was implemented as reviewed and authorized to provide commensurate water quality functions and beneficial uses lost as a result of the project.*
  - *Citation – Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 90.74.005-040 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300 WAC, Chapter 173-201A-310 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*
5. If the Project Proponent has not met all conditions, including performance standards for the eelgrass mitigation site at the end of the monitoring period, the Project Proponent shall provide a plan for additional monitoring and/or additional mitigation.
- *Justification – To ensure the mitigation was implemented as reviewed and authorized to provide commensurate water quality functions and beneficial uses lost as a result of the project.*
  - *Citation – Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 90.74.005-040 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300 WAC, Chapter 173-201A-310 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.*

## **G. Emergency/Contingency Measures**

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

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.
  - *Justification – Ecology must have assurance that the Project Proponent has the material readily available in 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, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 90.56.280 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300–330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC, and Chapter 173-303-145 WAC.*
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, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 90.56.280 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300–330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC, and Chapter 173-303-145 WAC.*
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 is prohibited. 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 & 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.
  - 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, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 90.56 RCW, Chapter 90.56.280 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300–330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, Chapter 173-225-010 WAC, and Chapter 173-303-145 WAC.*

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

## YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order. 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).

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

## ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION

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<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b>	<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b>
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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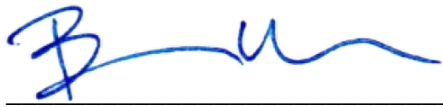
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## MORE INFORMATION

- **Pollution Control Hearings Board Website**  
<http://www.eluho.wa.gov/Board/PCHB>
- **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 29th day of June, 2021 at the Department of Ecology, Olympia, Washington



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Brenden McFarland, Section Manager  
Environmental Review and Transportation Section  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

**Attachment A**  
**Statement of Understanding**  
**Water Quality Certification Conditions**

USCG Station Cape Disappointment Maintenance Dredge  
Water Quality Certification Order No. **20136**  
and  
Corps Reference No. **NWS-2021-00246**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, state that I will be involved as an agent or contractor for the USCG in the site preparation and/or construction of the USCG Station Cape Disappointment Maintenance Dredge located at Baker Bay, Pacific County, Washington. I further state that I have read and understand the relevant conditions of Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification Order No. 20136 and the applicable permits and approvals referenced therein which pertain to the project-related work for which I am responsible.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

<b>IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A</b>	)	<b>Order No. 20136</b>
<b>WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION TO</b>	)	<b>First Amendment</b>
United States Coast Guard	)	<b>Corps Reference No. NWS-2021-246</b>
pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA	)	USCG Station Cape Disappointment
§ 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260	)	Maintenance Dredge, Pacific County,
and Chapter 173-201A WAC	)	Washington.

United States Coast Guard  
Attn: Will Robinson  
1301 Clay Street, Suite 700N  
Oakland, CA 94612

On June 29, 2021 the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a 401 Water Quality Certification to the United States Coast Guard for the above-referenced project pursuant to the provisions of 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401).

Ecology received a request on January 27, 2022 for a one-time extension of the in-water work window, due to a delayed start caused by permit delays.

Order No. 20136 dated June 29, 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

**Condition number C2 which reads:**

In-water work shall be conducted between November 1 and February 15 of any year.

**Is replaced with:**

In-water work shall be conducted between November 1 and February 15 of any year, unless otherwise authorized by Ecology.

No other conditions or requirements of the above referenced Order are affected by this amendment.

Ecology retains continuing jurisdiction to make modifications hereto through supplemental order, if it appears necessary to further protect the public interest.

Failure to comply with this amended Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions whether administrative or judicial, to enforce the terms of this amended Order.

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- **Chapter 34.05 RCW – Administrative Procedure Act**  
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05>



February 3, 2022

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Brenden McFarland, Section Manager  
Environmental Review and Transportation Section  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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In The Matter of Granting a Water Quality  
Certification to United States Coast Guard  
pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120,  
RCW 90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC

United States Coast Guard  
ATTN: Will Robinson  
1301 Clay Street, Suite 700N  
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<b>WQC Order No.</b>	21788
<b>Corps Reference No.</b>	NWS-2021-246
<b>Site Location</b>	USCG Station Cape Disappointment Maintenance Dredge, located within Baker Bay, Ilwaco, Pacific County, Washington.

United States Coast Guard (USCG) 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 USCG Station Cape Disappointment Maintenance Dredge, Pacific County, Washington. The following required processing dates are listed below:

- On May 8, 2023, USCG submitted a pre-filing meeting request.
- On June 9, 2023, Ecology received a request for Clean Water Section 401 Water Quality Certification.
- On June 13, 2023, Ecology issued a public notice for the project.

The proposed work consists of annual dredging of up to 20,000 cubic yards over a 10-year period from the U.S. Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment mooring basin, not to exceed 100,000 cubic yards over the life of the project. The proposed dredging would maintain operational depths of the mooring basin to a target depth of -10 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) with a 2- foot over dredge allowance to -12 feet MLLW. Dredging would occur via hydraulic suction dredge or clamshell dredge from a barge-mounted crane. Dredged material disposal is in Oregon (flow lane of the Columbia River at the Baker Bay Flowlane Disposal or Flowlane Area D) or at a Portland USACOE approved site.

The project is located within Baker Bay, Ilwaco, Pacific County, Washington in Section 9, Township 9N, Range 11W, in WRIA No. 24 (Willapa).

## 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.
2. 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 USCG's request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the USCG Station Cape Disappointment Maintenance Dredge, located in Baker Bay, Pacific 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 June 9, 2023, 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
June 9, 2023	Biological Evaluation	Final Biological Assessment Maintenance Dredging Project USCG Station Cape Disappointment Baker Bay, Ilwaco, Washington, dated January 2021	Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.
June 9, 2023	Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA)	JARPA dated February 25, 2021	William Robinson, USCG

June 9, 2023	Suitability Memorandum	DMMP Dredge Volume Revision for Maintenance Dredging of the U.S. Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment in Ilwaco, Washington (NWS-2021-246), dated March 23, 2023	Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP)
June 9, 2023	Dredge Plan	Dredge and Water Quality Plan USCG Cape Disappointment Maintenance Dredging 2023	J.E. McAmis
June 14, 2023	Water Quality Monitoring Protection Plan (WQMPP)	Final Water Quality Monitoring Protection Plan for Dredging at United States Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment, dated April 19, 2021	Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.
July 20, 2023	Eelgrass Mitigation Plan	Eelgrass Mitigation and Monitoring Plan, USCG Station Cape Disappointment Maintenance Dredging Project, Pacific County, Washington, dated June 2021	Merkel & Associates, Inc.

Issuance of this Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this proposal does not authorize the USCG 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) or other appropriate requirements of State law. Furthermore, nothing in this Section 401 Water Quality Certification absolves the USCG from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters, or sediments resulting from project construction or operations.

## Water Quality Certification Conditions

The following conditions will be incorporated into the Corps permit and strictly adhered to by the USCG. Specific condition justifications and citations are provided below.

### A. General Conditions

1. In this WQC Order, the term “Project Proponent” shall mean the USCG 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](mailto:fednotification@ecy.wa.gov) and cc to [Laura.Inouye@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Laura.Inouye@ecy.wa.gov). The submittals shall be identified with WQC Order No. 21788 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 June 9, 2023, 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.
  - 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.

- 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.
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.

11. This WQC Order will automatically transfer to a new owner or operator if:

- a. A Request for Transfer of Order form is completed between the Project Proponent and new owner or operator with the specific transfer date of the WQC Order's obligations, coverage, and liability and submitted to Ecology per condition A.2. Link to form:  
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070695.html>;
  - b. A copy of this WQC Order is provided to the new owner or operator; and
  - c. Ecology does not notify the new Project Proponent that a new WQC Order is required to complete the transfer.
- Justification – Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. Ecology needs to ensure that anyone conducting work at the project, including any new owners or operators, 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 – 40 CFR 121.5, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.

## **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](mailto:fednotification@ecy.wa.gov) and cc to [Laura.Inouye@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Laura.Inouye@ecy.wa.gov). Notifications shall be identified with WQC Order No. 21788 and Corps Reference No. NWS-2021-246, 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.
  - Citation - Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.

### **C. Timing**

1. This WQC Order is effective upon issuance of the U.S. Corps of Engineers (Corps) individual permit for this project and will remain valid for the duration of the associated permit 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 Baker Bay may be conducted between November 1 and February 15 of any year or the date range consistent with Water Quality Monitoring and Protection Plan listed in Table 1.
- 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.
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**

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 in-water activities within marine waters turbidity shall not exceed 5 NTU over background when the background is 50 NTU or less; or a 10 percent increase in turbidity when the background turbidity is more than 50 NTU.
- 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.
3. This WQC Order does not authorize the Project Proponent to exceed applicable turbidity standards beyond the limits established in Chapter 173-201A WAC as set forth below, unless otherwise authorized in this WQC Order:



- a. Temporary area of mixing for turbidity established within the state water quality standards for marine waters (WAC 173-201A-210) is as follows:
  01. For estuaries or marine waters, the point of compliance for a temporary area of mixing shall be at a radius of one hundred fifty feet from the activity causing the turbidity exceedance.
    - 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.
4. The Project Proponent shall implement the Final Water Quality Monitoring Protection Plan for Dredging at United States Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment (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.
  - 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.

#### **E. Construction General Conditions**

1. 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. 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.
3. 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.
  - 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. All construction debris, excess sediment, 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.
5. 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.

## Equipment and Maintenance

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.

10. 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.
- 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.

11. Barges shall not be allowed to ground-out during in-water construction.

- Justification - This condition is necessary to protect shallow water habitat and prevent suspension of sediment. 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, Chapter 173-201A WAC, 173-201A-300-330 WAC, and Chapter 173-204 WAC.

12. Barges shall be kept free of material that could be blown into 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.

## **Dredging**

13. All dredging is to be done using a mechanical or hydraulic dredge. Ecology must approve any other dredging method prior to its use.

- Justification - Ecology has reviewed the project and the BMPs for a specific type of dredging. Changes to the dredging method would require different BMPs. If new dredging methods are proposed, a new WQC pre-filing meeting request, followed by a new WQC request (after requisite 30-days) is required.

- Citation - Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.52-040 RCW, Chapter 90.54.020(2)(b) RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-240(5)(b) WAC, and Chapter 173-204-400(2) WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.

14. Dredging operations shall be conducted in a manner that minimizes the disturbance and siltation of adjacent waters and prevents the accidental discharge of petroleum products, chemicals or other toxic or deleterious substances 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 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.

15. Dredged material shall not be temporarily or permanently stockpiled below the OHWM.

- Justification - Stockpiles below the OHWM 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, 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. All debris larger than two (2) feet in any dimension shall be removed from the dredged sediment prior to disposal at the open water site. Similar-sized debris floating in the dredging or disposal area shall be removed.

- 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.

17. A pre-dredge meeting is required to be convened prior to the start of dredging. A **Dredging and Disposal Work plan** (work plan) shall be submitted to Ecology per Condition A2 two weeks prior to the pre-dredge meeting. The Dredging and Disposal work plan (work plan) shall include the following:

- a. General information including schedule, primary contact, and hours of operation.

- b. Dredged quantities and disposal location, including any upland locations.
- c. Dredging procedures and sequence.
- d. Equipment list.
- e. A description of the BMPs to be used for dredging, dewatering, trans loading, and disposal.
  - Justification - Ecology needs to meet with the Project Proponent and contractor to go over the work plan prior start of work to ensure that the plan reflects the project that has been authorized by this WQC Order. This condition is intended to assure the Project Proponent remains in full compliance with state water quality requirements for the duration of the project.
  - Citation - Chapter 70A.200 RCW, Chapter 77.55 RCW, RCW 79.02.300, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.52-040 RCW, RCW 90.54.020(2)(b), Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-240(5)(b), WAC 173-201A-300, WAC 173-201A-330, WAC 173-204-400(2), WAC 173-225-010, and Chapter 220-660 WAC.

18. A pre-dredge meeting is required to be convened prior to the start of dredging.

- Justification - Ecology needs to meet with the Project Proponent and contractor to go over the work plan prior start of work to ensure that the plan reflects the project that has been authorized by this WQC Order. This condition is intended to assure the Project Proponent remains in full compliance with state water quality requirements for the duration of the project.
- Citation - Chapter 70A-200 RCW, Chapter 77.55 RCW, RCW 79.02.300, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, RCW 90.52-040, RCW 90.54.020(2)(b), Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-240(5)(b), WAC 173-201A-300, WAC 173-201A-330, WAC 173-204-400(2), WAC 173-225-010, and Chapter 220-660 WAC.

19. All dredging and disposal shall have a valid suitability determination prior to in-water work. This area ranks low in potential for contamination and the recency determination extends through October 2027. Contact the DMMO for a possible extension on this suitability determination.

- Justification - The DMMP process confirms that material is suitable for in-water disposal and that the project meets state anti-degradation regulations.
- Citation - Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-230 WAC, WAC 173-201A-240(1), WAC 173-201A-240(2), Chapter 173-204 WAC, WAC 173-204-110-120, WAC 173-204-400(2), WAC 173-204-410(7), WAC 173-204-350(d), and Chapter 173-225 WAC.

20. Only approximately 20,000 cubic yards of dredged material is allowed each maintenance dredge, with an overall project maximum of 100,000 cubic yards. Note: If additional material needs to dredge and dispose of, a new WQC pre-filing meeting request, followed by a new WQC request (after requisite 30-days) is required.

- 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 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-230, WAC 173-201A-240(1), WAC 173-201A-240(2), WAC, Chapter 173-204 WAC, WAC 173-204-110-120, WAC 173-204-400(2), WAC 173-204-410(7), WAC 173-204-350(d), and Chapter 173-225 WAC.

#### **F. Aquatic Resource Mitigation Conditions**

1. The Project Proponent shall implement the Eelgrass Mitigation and Monitoring Plan USCG Station Cape Disappointment Maintenance Dredging Project, Pacific County Washington prepared by Merkle & Associates, Inc., dated June 2021 [hereafter referred to as “Mitigation Plan”], or as modified by this Order.
  - Justification - Alteration of water quality necessitates the use of mitigation as a method of controlling pollution. When adequate mitigation is provided, the impacts are not considered significant enough to water quality, at least in the long-term. The water quality standards, along with mitigation, protect wetlands as well as permitting some level of degradation where unavoidable or necessary.
  - Citation – 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii), WAC 173-201A-300, and WAC 173-225-010.
2. The Project Proponent shall submit any proposed changes to the Mitigation Plan in writing to Ecology (see A.2) for review, as described in the Mitigation Plan, before implementing the changes.
  - Justification – When adequate mitigation is provided, the water quality impacts are offset and not considered significant, at least in the long-term. Changes to impacts or mitigation must be considered when evaluating mitigation adequacy.
  - Citation – 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, RCW 47.85.040, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii), WAC 173-201A-300, and WAC 173-225-010.



3. The Project Proponent shall submit an As-Built Report per Condition A2 within 90 days of completion of transplanting, showing transplanting location, density, and describing any changes in related to the eelgrass mitigation components.
  - Justification – To ensure the mitigation was implemented as reviewed and authorized to provide commensurate water quality functions and beneficial uses lost as a result of the project.
  - Citation – Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 90.74.005-040 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300(2)(e)(i) WAC, Chapter 173-201A-310 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
4. The Project Proponent shall submit monitoring reports annually, by December 31 of each year, to Ecology (see A2) documenting eelgrass mitigation site conditions for years 1, 3, and 5. The reports shall include monitoring results for the eelgrass beds (spatial and plant metrics as defined in the Mitigation Plan) as well as a discussion on whether the performance standards are being met and contingency measures to be taken.
  - Justification – To ensure the mitigation was implemented as reviewed and authorized to provide commensurate water quality functions and beneficial uses lost as a result of the project.
  - Citation – Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 90.74.005-040 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300 WAC, Chapter 173-201A-310 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
5. If the Project Proponent has not met all conditions, including performance standards for the eelgrass mitigation site at the end of the monitoring period, the Project Proponent shall provide a plan for additional monitoring and/or additional mitigation.
  - Justification – To ensure the mitigation was implemented as reviewed and authorized to provide commensurate water quality functions and beneficial uses lost as a result of the project.
  - Citation – Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 90.74.005-040 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300 WAC, Chapter 173-201A-310 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.

#### **G. 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.
- 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 is prohibited. 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.
  - 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.

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

## Filing an appeal

### Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://elaho.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

### Service on Ecology

#### Street Addresses:

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
300 Desmond Drive SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

#### Mailing Addresses:

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

#### E-Mail Address:

ecologyappeals@ecy.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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(360) 515-8213  
[Laura.Inouye@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Laura.Inouye@ecy.wa.gov)

## More Information

- **Pollution Control Hearings Board Website**  
<https://www.eluho.wa.gov/>
- **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 9th day of July, 2023, at the Department of Ecology, Lacey, Washington.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loree' Randall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Loree' Randall, Section Manager

Federal Permitting Section

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

## **Attachment A**

### **Statement of Understanding Water Quality Certification Conditions**

USCG Station Cape Disappointment Maintenance Dredge

Water Quality Certification WQC Order No. 21788

As the Project Proponent for USCG Station Cape Disappointment Maintenance Dredge project, I have read and understand the conditions of Washington State Department of Ecology WQC Order No. 21788, 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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Signature

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Date

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Title

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Phone

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Company