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October 6, 2023

OPG Port Gamble, LLC
ATTN: Jaime Northrup
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Port Gamble Bay Habitat Restoration project (Corps No. NWS-2022-0717), within Port Gamble Bay, Port Gamble, Kitsap County, Washington

Dear Jaime Northrup:

On January 30, 2023, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. The request was modified on April 3, 2023. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with OPG Port Gamble, LLC's (Jaime Northrup) determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

On June 12, 2023, OPG Port Gamble, LLC (Jaime Northrup) and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM until the Applicant obtains the Section 401 Water Quality Certification and their shoreline permits. A second stay was agreed to on August 30, 2023, extending the review period until December 31, 2023, in order for the Applicant to obtain their shoreline permit.

This determination is for the restoration work in Port Gamble as described below:

Southern Mill Site Shoreline Restoration: This 9-acre project includes laying back intertidal slopes of the southern portion of the former sawmill facility shoreline to restore near-natural beach grades. Restored intertidal caps will include a lower layer of angular cobble-sized armor, a middle layer of rounded cobble/gravel beach substrate, and an upper layer of sand/gravel habitat substrate to optimize habitat functions and concurrently remain protective. Near-surface hardscape will be removed within a 150-foot shoreline buffer, followed by placement of imported topsoil and mulch and native plantings. Material for the intertidal cap and habitat

layers (14,800 cy), and feeder berm (1,500 cy) will be clean and sourced from an approved off-site vendor. Materials will be placed using standard upland construction equipment.

Western Bay Nearshore Thin Layer Sand Cover: This project includes placing a sand cover layer over a minimum of 11 acres of lower intertidal to shallow subtidal zones (approximately -2 to -15 feet mean lower low water [MLLW]) within former log rafting areas in the western bay to restore benthic habitat functions and concurrently provide suitable substrate in areas where eelgrass is absent or growing at very sparse densities. As practicable, the sand cover will be placed using clean navigation channel maintenance dredge material from the nearby Driftwood Key, or other similar marine source, which is expected to contain eelgrass seed and maximize restoration potential. (Maintenance dredging activities at Driftwood Key are addressed under a separate application.)

Western Bay Nearshore Eelgrass Transplanting: Eelgrass will be transplanted into western bay areas where there is currently little or no eelgrass, including on and adjacent to the thin layer sand cover. Eelgrass transplanting will be performed following placement and consolidation of the cover, informed by monitoring and adaptive management methods patterned after those used successfully at other western Washington sites.

The project site is located within Port Gamble Bay, Kitsap County, Washington, Section 5 and 8, Township 27 N., Range 2 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 15 (Kitsap).

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Laura Inouye at (360) 515-8213.

Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this decision on the Department of Ecology 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

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