



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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October 19, 2023

Interfor U.S. Inc.  
Attn: Josh Blankenship  
540 3rd Ave  
Longview, WA 98632

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Tacoma Middle Waterway Log Removal project (Corps No. NWS-2020-442), Commencement Bay, Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington

Dear Josh Blankenship:

On September 21, 2023, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Interfor U. S. Inc.'s (Josh Blankenship) determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

The proposed work includes the removal of accumulated logs, wood debris and two concrete floats as required by the WA Department of Natural Resources for restoration purposes. Based on dive and sonar surveys, it's estimated that 166 intact logs would be removed accounting for 142.8 cubic yards of wood-debris over a 1,500 linear foot area. It's estimated that 47.1 cubic yards of appropriate seafloor sediment would be placed to fill log depressions. These quantities may need be adjusted slightly if survey estimates are found to be inaccurate from actual site conditions once work starts, in which case the Corps and all other appropriate agencies would be notified immediately. Wood and concrete floats would be removed by divers and barge mounted crane. This activity will occur in Tacoma Middle Waterway, Commencement Bay, Pierce County, Washington.

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 decision:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of 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

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:

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Sincerely,

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

Loree' Randall, Section Manager  
Aquatic Permitting & Protection Section  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Sent via e-mail: [Josh.blankenship@interfor.com](mailto:Josh.blankenship@interfor.com)

E-cc: Andrew Shuckhart, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Laura Inouye, Ecology  
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