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March 29, 2024

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ATTN: Tom Barry Office of Response and Restoration 1305 East-West Highway SSMC4, Rm. 10239, N/ORR5 Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration Marine Debris Grants in Washington

## Dear Tom Barry:

On January 19, 2024, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) submitted a Consistency Determination with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the Marine Debris Program Grants. Ecology requested a 15-day extension pursuant to 15 CFR Part 930.41(b), extending the CZM decision deadline to April 3, 2024. Ecology issued a 21-day public notice on January 26, 2024, and received no comments.

The proposed activity includes providing grant funding to subrecipients for the removal of marine debris. The goal of the proposed work is to benefit the coastal zone by removing marine debris that poses ongoing and potential threats to sensitive natural resources. The proposed work will take place at sites in Neah Bay, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Pacific Ocean in Washington.

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

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

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# 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

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

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Sincerely,

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