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April 11, 2024

The Department of the Navy NAVFAC Northwest ATTN: Jason McKinney 1101 Tautog Circle Silverdale, WA 98315

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for NAVSTA Everett Homeporting of Constellation-class Frigates, Possession Sound, Everett, Snohomish County, Washington

Dear Jason McKinney:

On February 9, 2024, the United States Department of the Navy (the Navy) submitted a Consistency Determination with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP). On February 21, 2024, Ecology requested a 15-day extension pursuant to 15 CFR Part 930.41(b), extending the CZM decision deadline to April 24, 2024. Ecology issued a 21-day public notice on February 16, 2024. At Ecology's request, the Navy supplied additional information on April 2, 2024.

The Navy proposes to establish facilities and functions at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Everett, Washington to support homeporting of Constellation-class frigates. The Navy would homeport up to 12 Constellation-class frigates (FFGs); construct training and support facilities for ships, commands, and crews; and station approximately 2,900 military personnel, plus their family members. The homeporting of ships and personnel would be phased in over approximately 10 years, with personnel arriving and facilities established beginning no earlier than fiscal year 2026 and the arrival of the first Constellation class FFG no earlier than fiscal year 2028.

FFGs would be berthed at NAVSTA Everett's existing piers, and there are no requirements to modify existing piers or to conduct in-water work. With the planned departure of 10 Navy ships currently homeported at NAVSTA Everett prior to the completion of the FFG homeporting in 2037, the net total personnel supporting ships based at NAVSTA Everett would decrease by approximately 200 (2,900 new FFG personnel less 3,100 departing personnel).

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Facility requirements under the proposal include construction of an Administrative Support Facility, additional space for a Fleet Region Readiness Center, two shelter additions on the pier deck, and utility upgrades. The Proposed Action may involve renovation/remodeling of certain existing structures. Other supporting facilities and infrastructure include storm water management facilities, electrical and mechanical utilities, and road and parking lot resurfacing.

The only overwater components of the proposed activities are upgrades to two shelter additions and utility upgrades along the pier. The shelter additions would be single story and consist of 200 square-foot steel-framed, reinforced concrete building additions. These facilities can be installed without generating any construction-related debris or other wastes that could be discharged unintentionally into the Port Gardner Bay. No in-water construction would be required, as the additions would be installed on the existing pier deck.

Construction of the Administrative Support Facility and the Fleet Region Readiness Center addition would consist of steel-framed, reinforced concrete masonry with standing seam metal roof and pile foundation. Site improvements would include paving, pedestrian walkways, landscaping, stormwater management, and an emergency generator (500 kilowatt). All construction would follow NAVSTA Everett's Base Exterior Architectural Plan. Special foundation features would consist of grade beam foundations with 16- to 24-inch diameter steel piles, driven by vibratory and impact hammers into fill soils, and concrete pile caps. Buildings would include features to protect against a 100-year flood, such as raised flooring above the high-water mark. Sustainable building design, special foundations for seismic conditions, pile-supported foundations due to fill soils, and Low Impact Development (LID) principles would be included in the design and construction of the new structures, as appropriate.

The proposed action will occur at NAVSTA Everett in Everett, Snohomish County, Washington, adjacent to Possession Sound.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Teressa Pucylowski at (360) 764-0546.

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:

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- 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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