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Port of Grays Harbor  
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Terminal 4 Expansion & Redevelopment (Corps No. NWS-2022-944), Grays Harbor, Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, Washington

Dear Leonard Barnes:

On October 5, 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 the Port of Grays Harbor's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

On April 4, 2024, the Port of Grays Harbor and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM until April 5, 2024, in order for the Port of Grays Harbor to obtain Substantial Shoreline Development Permits and Conditional Use Permits from Aberdeen and Hoquiam, a Section 401 Water Quality Certification, and a Clean Air Permit from the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency. A second stay was agreed to on June 20, 2024, extending the review period until July 16, 2024, in order for Ecology to review the Substantial Development Permit with Conditional Use from Aberdeen and Hoquiam that was received on June 7, 2024. Additionally, the Section 401 Water Quality Certification was still pending, and Ecology needed a copy of the Substantial Development Permit from Hoquiam.

The proposed project includes:

**1) Rail Upgrades:** The rail upgrades involve construction of approximately 50,245 linear feet of new rail at the Port's existing loop track facility. The rail and associated upgrades include the following:

- **New Lead Track Through Terminal:** A new Port-owned rail loop route through the site would be built, consisting of sections of single and double track with connections to the PSAP.
- **New Storage Tracks:** Four new storage tracks will be constructed with connections to the Port-owned lead tracks and the PSAP.
- **Modification of Existing Storage Tracks:** Nine existing storage tracks will be extended and aligned with the four new storage tracks, with connections to both Port- and PSAP-owned lead tracks.
- **New Fencing and Security Guard Station:** A new fence will be installed along the northern boundary of the Project site to separate the PSAP mainline from Port property and tracks. A security guard station will be built at the easternmost point of entry.
- **Rail crossing modifications:** There would be five at-grade crossings modified as part of the Project.
- **Access roads and secure site access:** Unpaved access roads will be paved. Secured site access and roadway improvements will be constructed for the safe, secure, and efficient flow of vehicles into and through the project site.
- **Stormwater drainage systems** will be constructed to accommodate rail upgrades and new construction. The proposed surfaces of the rail and site improvements project will consist primarily of ballasted railway tracks and gravel access roads.

**2) Terminal 4 Cargo Yard Relocation and Expansion (former WSDOT Pontoon Casting Basin Site):**

The work to be performed at the site includes filling the former casting basin and upgrading surface treatments and drainage as necessary to create a cargo laydown yard with a combination of paved and gravel surfaces.

**3) Terminal 4 Dock Upgrades and Stormwater Upgrades:** Terminal 4 Dock: The existing timber-piled fender system at Berth A will be replaced with a pile-supported fender panel system and a suspended fender panel system at Berth B. Additional stormwater upgrade including the installation of a stormwater treatment and conveyance system at the Terminal 4 dock and portions of the upland drainage area. Stormwater upgrades include:

- Construct new upland stormwater conveyance system adjacent to Terminal 4B.
- Demo and regrade Terminal 4A & Terminal 4B dock surfaces and construct new gravity conveyance pipe and drain system attached to face of dock.
- Construct stormwater treatment facility near Terminal 4B.

**4) New AGP Export Terminal:** The AGP Project at Terminal 4B involves the construction of facilities to support a new commodity transload facility. These facilities will be integrated with the Port's planned infrastructure improvements to maximize AGP's operational efficiency. The main components of the new AGP export terminal include rail receiving facilities, track modifications, and a new shiploader. Installation of the shiploader will require additional improvements to the Terminal 4B dock.

The new AGP Export Terminal includes the following:

- **Rail Receiving Facility:** A new rail receiving building with two receiving pits will be constructed. An optional Soybean meal storage structure (silo) is also being considered and is proposed as part of this application narrative.
- **Shiploader:** A new three-tower shiploader with three spouts at the Terminal 4B dock will be constructed and will require related dock upgrades.
- **Support Structures:** Several support structures will be constructed, including a landside motor control center, dock side motor control center buildings, and a bulk scale tower.
- **Utilities:** Water, sewer, and electrical system upgrades will be completed.
- **Lighting:** On-site lighting will be modified.

The project site is located in Grays Harbor and wetlands, at 111 South Wooding Street, Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, Washington, Section 17, Township 17N. and 18N., Range 9W., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 22, Lower Chehalis.

Compensatory mitigation for permanent direct and indirect impacts to Category II and III wetlands will include creation and re-establishment of estuarine wetlands. The proposed mitigation site is located approximately 0.5 mile southeast of the project site on the south shore of Grays Harbor.

This proposed project has been reviewed for federal consistency with the following applicable enforceable policies: the Washington Clean Air Act (WCAA), the State Water Pollution Control Act (WPCA), the Shoreline Management Act (SMA), and the Ocean Resources Management Act (ORMA). In demonstrating consistency with the WCAA, the Port of Grays Harbor received an air quality permit from the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency on June 13, 2024. Ecology issued a Section 401 Water Quality Certification on July 11, 2024, and an Industrial Stormwater General Permit on May 7, 2024, both of which demonstrates the project's consistency with the WPCA. The Port of Grays Harbor received a Substantial Shoreline Development Permit from the City of Hoquiam on June 14, 2024, as well as Conditional Use Permits from Aberdeen and Hoquiam (both approved by Ecology on June 11, 2024). These shoreline permits demonstrate consistency with the SMA and the ORMA.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Teresa 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 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://elaho.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

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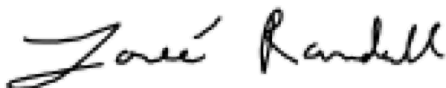
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