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October 16, 2024

Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe  
ATTN: Randy Johnson  
1033 Old Blyn Highway  
Sequim, WA 98382

Re: Water Quality Certification Order No. **23296** (Corps No. **NWS-2024-0113**), Big Quilcene River Bridge Replacement Project – Floodplain Phase, Jefferson County, Washington

Dear Randy Johnson:

On May 31, 2024, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the Big Quilcene River Bridge Replacement Project – Floodplain Phase, Jefferson County, Washington.

On behalf of the state of Washington, the Department of Ecology certifies with conditions that the work described in the Water Quality Certification Request and supplemental documents complies with applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, and applicable state laws. **This certification is subject to the enclosed Water Quality Certification Order (WQC Order).**

Please ensure that anyone doing work under this WQC Order has read, is familiar with, and is able to follow all of the provisions within the attached WQC Order.

If you have any questions about this decision, please contact Casey Vaughn at (564) 669-4201. The enclosed WQC Order may be appealed by following the procedures described within.

Sincerely,

Brenden McFarland, Section Manager  
Environmental Review and Transportation Section  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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**In The Matter of Granting a Water Quality  
Certification with Conditions to the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe  
pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW  
90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC**

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<b>WQC Order No.</b>	23296
<b>Corps Reference No.</b>	NWS-2024-0113
<b>Site Location</b>	Big Quilcene River Bridge Replacement Project – Floodplain Phase, located within Big Quilcene River, Quilcene, Jefferson County, Washington.

The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the Big Quilcene River Bridge Replacement Project – Floodplain Phase, Jefferson County, Washington. The following required processing dates are listed below:

- On 3/14/2024, the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe submitted a pre-filing meeting request.
- On 5/23/2024 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) sent an email notification to Ecology that they are reviewing the project for authorization under the Nationwide Permit (NWP) Program.
- On 5/31/2024, Ecology received a request for Clean Water Section 401 Water Quality Certification.
- On 7/5/2024, the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe submitted additional information, and the Department of Ecology (Ecology) considered the Request valid on this date.
- On 7/9/2024, Ecology issued a public notice for the project.
- Ecology’s “Reasonable Period of Time” for this project has been established as 1/1/2025.

This project proposes to enhance the lower Big Quilcene River floodplain within Quilcene, WA by constructing up to 4,591 linear feet of new river channel within the approximate location of the 1889 river channel. The new channel will include up to 2,845 linear feet of riffles and up to 2,150 linear feet of pools. The applicant also proposes to construct up to 1,307 linear feet of 20-foot-wide side channels. Additional proposed fish habitat improvements include the placement of four (4) large engineered log jams (ELJs) within the regraded portion of the current channel,

38 small ELJs within the new channel pools, four (4) small ELJs in the East Side Channel, and two (2) small ELJs in the West Side Channel.

The project site is located at 47.82069, -122.87157, Big Quilcene River, Jefferson County, Washington, Section 24, Township 27 N., Range 2 W., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 17 Quilcene-Snow.

With this WQC Order, Ecology is granting with conditions Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe’s request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Big Quilcene River Bridge Replacement Project – Floodplain Phase, provided that the activity is conducted in accordance with the Section 401 Water Quality Certification request attachments Ecology received on 5/31/2024, and the following supporting documentation:

1. Water Quality Monitoring Plan received via email on 9/5/2024.
2. Final Design Plan set received via email on 9/5/2024.
3. Email received on 7/31/2024, outlining construction sequencing and maintenance bridge construction.

Based on the information submitted, Ecology has determined that the discharge from the project will comply with state water quality requirements. Prior to undertaking any changes that materially alter the project, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe must contact Ecology to determine whether a new Section 401 Water Quality Certification is required.

Issuance of this Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this proposal does not authorize Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe to exceed applicable state water quality standards (Chapter 173-201A WAC), ground water quality standards (Chapter 173-200 WAC), or sediment quality standards (Chapter 173-204 WAC). Furthermore, nothing in this Section 401 Water Quality Certification absolves Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters, or sediments resulting from project construction or operations.

**Special Conditions:**

1. This Certification is not effective until the U.S. Corps of Engineers (Corps) Seattle District issues a Department of the Army (DA) permit for this project. WQC Order No. **23296** will remain valid until 8/31/2029.
  - Justification – Certifications are required for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge or fill material into waters. This WQC Order is not valid until the Federal agency issues a permit. Additionally, Ecology needs to be able to specify how long the WQC Order will be in effect.
  - Citation – Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.

2. Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe shall send a copy of the final Federal permit via e-mail to [fednotification@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:fednotification@ecy.wa.gov) and cc to Federal Permit Manager prior to the starting of any work authorized by this WQC Order. If the Federal Agency determines the proposed project does not require a Federal permit, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe shall immediately inform Ecology.
  - Justification - This condition is needed to ensure that the federal permit has been issued and all the conditions of the WQC Order have been included into the federal permit.
  - Citation - 40 CFR 121.10, 40 CFR 121.11, and Chapter 90.48 RCW.
3. To transfer this WQC Order to a new owner or operator, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe shall:
  - a. Complete a Request for Transfer of Order with a specific transfer date of the WQC Order's obligations, coverage, and liability and submit it to Ecology at [fednotification@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:fednotification@ecy.wa.gov) and cc to Federal Permit Manager. Link to form: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070695.html>;
  - b. Provide a copy of this WQC Order to the new owner or operator; and
  - c. The transfer is not considered valid until the Project Proponent receives written notification from Ecology that the transfer has been approved.
    - Justification – Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. Ecology needs to ensure that anyone conducting work at the project, including any new owners or operators, are aware of and understand the required conditions of this WQC Order to ensure compliance with the water quality standards and other applicable state laws.
    - Citation – 40 CFR 121.5, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
4. Any work that causes distressed or dying fish or discharges of oil, fuel, or other chemicals into state waters or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters is prohibited. If such work, conditions, or discharges occur, immediately notify Ecology's Regional Spill Response Office at 360-407-6300 and the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife with the nature and details of the problem, any actions taken to correct the problem, and any proposed changes in operation to prevent further problems. You will also need to notify the Washington Emergency Management Division at 1-800-258-5990, for spills to water only. This condition is necessary to prevent oil and other hazardous materials spills from

causing environmental damage and to ensure compliance with water quality requirements. The sooner a spill is reported, the quicker it can be addressed, resulting in less harm.

- Justification - This condition is necessary to prevent oil and hazardous materials spills from causing environmental damage and to ensure compliance with water quality requirements. The sooner a spill is reported, the quicker it can be addressed, resulting in less harm. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
- Citation - Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, RCW 90.56.280, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-303-145.

5. The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe shall submit a yearly report to Ecology that contains information from the annual vegetation performance monitoring surveys, habitat unit surveys, and relevant photos from established photo monitoring points highlighting changes or successes of the project. Reporting shall be submitted to [fednotification@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:fednotification@ecy.wa.gov) and cc to the Ecology Federal Permit Manager. This report shall be submitted by October 31 of each monitoring year and should continue for a minimum of 5 years and a maximum of 10 years.

- Justification – Monitoring reports track the environmental progress of ecosystem restoration projects and are necessary to track that project outcomes are consistent with restoration goals to ensure success of the ecosystem restoration project.
- Citation - 40 CFR 131.12, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii), WAC 173-201A-300 and WAC 173-225-010.

In view of the foregoing and in accordance with 33 U.S.C. §1341, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260 Chapter 173-200 WAC and Chapter 173-201A WAC, this WQC is granted with conditions to the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe for the Big Quilcene River Bridge Replacement Project – Floodplain Phase.

## Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this Order 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 Order:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this Order 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 Order 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://eluh0.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:

[ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov)

## Americans with Disabilities Act Information

### Accommodation Requests

To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at 360-407-6831 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. People with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

## Contact Information

Please direct all questions about this WQC Order to:

Casey Vaughn

Department of Ecology

(564) 669-4201

[Casey.Vaughn@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Casey.Vaughn@ecy.wa.gov)

## More Information

- **Pollution Control Hearings Board Website**  
<https://elaho.wa.gov>
- **Chapter 43.21B RCW - Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office – Pollution Control Hearings Board**  
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B>
- **Chapter 371-08 WAC – Practice And Procedure**  
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=371-08>
- **Chapter 34.05 RCW – Administrative Procedure Act**  
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05>
- **Chapter 90.48 RCW – Water Pollution Control**  
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.48>
- **Chapter 173.204 WAC – Sediment Management Standards**  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-204>
- **Chapter 173-200 WAC – Water Quality Standards for Ground Waters of the State of Washington**  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-200>
- **Chapter 173-201A WAC – Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington**  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-201A>



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## Signature

Dated this 16th day of October 2024 at the Department of Ecology, Lacey, Washington.



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