



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

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October 24, 2024

Port of Tacoma  
Attn: Robert Brenner  
P.O. Box 1837  
Tacoma, WA 98401

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Middle Blair Navigation Safety Improvement (Corps No. NWS-2024-563), Blair Waterway, Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington

Dear Robert Brenner:

On August 5, 2024, 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 Tacoma's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

The project proposes to dredge a navigationally hazardous area that is across from the Washington United Terminals (WUT) facility, located in the Blair Waterway. The area of this hazard is informally called "The Knuckle." The intent of the project is to dredge to - 47' MLLW, with up to 3 feet of overdredge, an area of approximately 95,300 square feet across from WUT. Up to 12,000 cy will be dredged, with either upland placement or disposal at the Commencement Bay open water disposal site. Due to the presence of contamination, the requested -47' MLLW + up to 3 feet of overdredge is approved as - 48' MLLW + up to 2 feet of overdredge. This activity will occur in Blair Waterway, Tacoma, 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 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.

### 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: [rbrenner@portoftacoma.com](mailto:rbrenner@portoftacoma.com)

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