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February 26, 2025

Cascade Fisheries
Attn: Aaron Rosenblum
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Wenatchee WA, 98807

Re: Water Quality Certification Order No. **23495** (Corps No. **NWS-2024-0742**), Peshastin 2.5 Habitat Restoration, Chelan County, Washington

Dear Aaron Rosenblum:

On September 9, 2024, Cascade Fisheries submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the Peshastin 2.5 Habitat Restoration, Chelan 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 Cascade Fisheries 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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WQC Order No.	23495
Corps Reference No.	NWS-2024-0742
Site Location	Peshastin 2.5 Habitat Restoration located within Peshastin Creek and Wetlands, near Peshastin, Chelan County, Washington.

Cascade Fisheries submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the Peshastin 2.5 Habitat Restoration, Chelan County, Washington. The following required processing dates are listed below:

- On July 11, 2024, Cascade Fisheries submitted a pre-filing meeting request.
- On September 9, 2024, Ecology received a request for Clean Water Section 401 Water Quality Certification.
- On December 18, 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 January 2, 2025, Ecology issued a public notice for the project.
- Ecology’s “Reasonable Period of Time” for this project has been established as April 17, 2025.

This project proposes to increase the quality and quantity of instream, floodplain, and riparian habitat types within the project area. Increasing instream and off channel habitat in this reach of Peshastin Creek will benefit three Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed species, Upper Columbia spring chinook, Upper Columbia steelhead, and bull trout. The project will achieve these goals by installing Engineered Log Jams (ELJs), excavating pools, excavating pilot and side channels, increasing floodplain inundation, and robust floodplain and riparian planting.

The project site is located at latitude 47.538, longitude -120.619, Peshastin Creek, Chelan County, Washington, Section 32, Township 24 N., Range 18 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 45 - Wenatchee.

With this WQC Order, Ecology is granting with conditions Cascade Fisheries' request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Peshastin 2.5 Habitat Restoration project, provided that the activity is conducted in accordance with the Section 401 Water Quality Certification request and attachments Ecology received on September 9, 2024, and the following supporting documentation:

1. Water Quality Monitoring and Protection Plan, received January 22, 2025.
2. Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan, received February 7, 2025.

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, Cascade Fisheries 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 Cascade Fisheries 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 Cascade Fisheries 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. **23495** will remain valid until 12/31/2031.
 - 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. Cascade Fisheries shall send a copy of the final Federal permit via e-mail to fednotification@ecy.wa.gov and cc to Casey.Vaughn@ecy.wa.gov 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, Cascade Fisheries 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 Cascade Fisheries 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 and cc to Casey.Vaughn@ecy.wa.gov. 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 Cascade Fisheries 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. All work in and near waters of the state, including wetlands, shall be conducted to minimize turbidity, erosion, and other water quality impacts. Construction stormwater, sediment, and erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs) suitable to prevent exceedances of state water quality standards shall be in place before starting construction and shall be maintained throughout the duration of the activity.
- Justification - Disturbed areas without appropriate BMPs and construction methods can discharge excess sediment to waters of the state and degrade water quality. 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, Chapter 90.48.030 RCW, Chapter 90.48.080 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204-120 WAC, and Chapter 173-225-010 WAC.
6. Cascade Fisheries shall implement the approved Water Quality Monitoring and Protection Plan, submitted via email on 1/22/2025.
- Justification - This condition is necessary to ensure that the monitoring and BMPs that are proposed by the Project Proponent and authorized by Ecology are conducted to protect water quality. 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 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-01.
7. Cascade Fisheries shall implement the approved Peshastin River Mile 2.5 Habitat Restoration 404/401 Monitoring and Adaptive Management plan submitted via email on 2/07/2025.
- a. The 5-year monitoring report must be emailed to fednotification@ecy.wa.gov no later than December 31st of the final monitoring year.

- b. Cascade Fisheries shall submit any proposed changes to this plan to Ecology for review before implementing the changes.
 - Justification - A monitoring plan describes the methods used to collect and analyze data needed to show that performance standards are being met. Monitoring plans are necessary to track environmental change and ensure restoration projects improve aquatic resources, including wetlands.
 - Citation - 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, Chapter 47.85.040 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii), WAC 173-201A-300 and WAC 173-225-010.
8. Cascade Fisheries shall provide access to the project site upon request by Ecology personnel for site inspections, monitoring, and/or necessary data collection, to ensure that conditions of this WQC Order are being met.
 - Justification - Ecology must be able to investigate and inspect construction sites and facilities for compliance with all state rules and laws.
 - Citation - Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.090, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
9. All clearing limits, stockpiles, staging areas, access routes, and trees to be preserved shall clearly be marked prior to commencing construction activities and shall be maintained until all work is completed for each project.
 - Justification -Ensures that the project proponent preserves sensitive areas from 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 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-01.

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 Cascade Fisheries for the Peshastin 2.5 Habitat Restoration project.

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://eluhwa.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

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

More Information

- **[Pollution Control Hearings Board Website](https://eluhc.wa.gov)**
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- **[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)**
<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)**
<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)**
<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)**
<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)**
<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)**
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-200>

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- **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>

Signature

Dated this 26th day of February, 2025, at the Department of Ecology, Lacey, Washington.



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