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May 13, 2025

Port of Tacoma
Attn: Mark Rettmann
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Tacoma, WA 98401

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Port Maritime Center
(Corps No. **NWS-2024-484**), Commencement Bay, Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington

Dear Mark:

On December 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. Ecology issued a joint public notice with the Army Corps of Engineers on December 5, 2024. 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 proposed work includes construction of the Port Maritime Center, which will house the new Port business office building (Port Business Center) and TPSs' new skills center (Maritime | 253) in new buildings adjacent to the Wheeler-Osgood shoreline (in the S-8 zoning district).

The project proposal includes:

- Public access amenities along the shoreline, including a public plaza, an approximately 15 ft wide esplanade, viewing areas, public beach access, and a public restroom building.
- Removal of existing shoreline bulkhead and two dock structures to allow for the proposed shoreline reconfiguration, including relocating the segment of shoreline armoring that is within the Wheeler-Osgood Waterway to along the Thea Foss Waterway to protect the upper intertidal area from erosion.

- The shoreline buffer and selected intertidal areas will be planted with native vegetation. Dune, tidal, and marsh plantings will be utilized which consist of a mix of groundcover, shrubs and shade trees.
- Proposal of a new/replaced ramp, dock and float structure along the Foss Waterway consisting of an approximately 200-foot long by 8.5-foot wide (1,700 square feet) grated and composite decking float with an aluminum gangway.
- Eleven 24-inch epoxy coated steel piles will support the ramp and float structure. The existing piles will be removed.
- A new 18-inch consolidated stormwater outfall will be added at the north end of the Thea Foss Waterway, north of the ramp leading to the float. Three existing outfall pipes (4 inches, 12 inches, and 6 inches) will be removed.

The project site is located at 1203 East D Street, Commencement Bay, Pierce County, Washington, Section 4, Township 20 N., Range 3 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 10 Puyallup-White.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Lydia Albright at Lydia.Albright@ecy.wa.gov or 360-870-2983.

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 by 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.

Address and Location Information

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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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maria Sandercock".

Maria Sandercock, Section Manager
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Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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