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May 30, 2025

Washington Department of Transportation Attn: Seana Fournier P.O. Box 330310 Seattle, WA 98133-9710

Re: Amendment to 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 21559 for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Reference No. NWS-2019-115-DOT, I-90/SR 18 Interchange to Deep Creek – Interchange Improvements and Widening project located within Deep Creek, Lake Creek, Raging River and Unnamed Tributaries in King County, Washington

#### Dear Seana Fournier:

Enclosed is an amendment to Water Quality Certification Order No. 21559 issued on January 25, 2023, for the above project. We have also included a strikeout version of the Water Quality Certification that reflects the changes made. All other conditions of Water Quality Certification No. 21559 remain in effect.

The purpose of this amendment is to extend the in-water work windows for streams RR-D and RR-C, allowing construction access to prepare the area for stream diversion and fish exclusion at an earlier date. Condition C.2.a will be amended.

If you have any questions, please contact Penny Kelley at 360-280-8856. The enclosed Amendment may be appealed by following the procedures described in the Amendment.

Sincerely,

Brenden McFarland, Section Manager

Environmental Review & Transportation Section Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Enclosure (2)

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# In The Matter of Granting a Water Quality Certification to WA Department of Transportation pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC

Washington Department of Transportation Attn: Seana Fournier P.O Box 330310 Seattle, WA 98133-9710

WQC Order No.	21559, First Amendment	
Corps Reference No.	NWS-2019-115-DOT	
Site Location	I-90/SR 18 Interchange to Deep Creek – Interchange Improvements and Widening project located within Deep Creek, Lake Creek, Raging River and Unnamed Tributaries in King County, Washington.	

On January 25, 2023, the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a 401 Water Quality Certification to WA Department of Transportation for the above-referenced project pursuant to the provisions of 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401).

Ecology received a request on May 16, 2025, to amend the 401 Water Quality Certification extending the in-water work windows for streams RR-D and RR-C. By extending the in-water work windows, material and pile wall can be removed and exported to create access and prepare the area for stream diversion and fish exclusion. By providing earlier access the project team can implement a diversion plan and create a work area for stockpiling, as well as progress the civil work surrounding stream RR-D and start removing material in this location to keep the project on schedule.

WQC Order No. 21559 dated January 25, 2023, is hereby amended as follows:

I. Condition number C.2.a which reads:

The following in-water work windows apply to the project:

a. All activities within the wetted perimeter of Raging River, Deep Creek, Lake Creek, and associated tributaries may be conducted between July 1 and September 15 of any year.

Is replaced with:

The following in-water work windows apply to the project:

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- a. All activities within the wetted perimeter of Raging River, Deep Creek, Lake Creek, and associated tributaries may be conducted between July 1st and September 15th of any year.
- b. For the in-water work season in 2025, all activities within non-fish bearing sections of RR-D and RR-C, may be conducted between June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- c. If work needs to be conducted outside these windows, the applicant shall update the WQMPP for this project and submit it to Ecology.

No other conditions or requirements of the above referenced Order are affected by this amendment.

Ecology retains continuing jurisdiction to make modifications hereto through supplemental order, if it appears necessary to further protect the public interest.

Failure to comply with this amended Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions whether administrative or judicial, to enforce the terms of this amended Order.

#### 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 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://eluho.wa.gov/ or call: 360-664-9160.

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#### **Service on Ecology**

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#### **Contact Information**

Please direct all questions about this Order to:

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#### **More Information**

 Pollution Control Hearings Board Website https://eluho.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

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### Signature

Dated this  $30^{\text{th}}$  day of May, 2025 at the Department of Ecology, Olympia, Washington.

Brenden McFarland, Section Manager

Environmental Review & Transportation Section

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

This document shows the activities and/or conditions that have been amended since the original Order was issued. Therefore, it is not the official certification and should be used for information purposes only.

## IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION TO

WA Department of Transportation pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC

WQC ORDER No. 21559 – First Amendment
 Corps Reference No. NWS-2019-115-DOT
 I-90/SR 18 Interchange to Deep Creek –
 Interchange Improvements & Widening project,
 Deep Creek, Lake Creek, Raging River, Unnamed Tributaries and located in King County,
 Washington.

Washington Department of Transportation Attn: John Maas P.O. Box 330310 Seattle, WA 98133-9710

3/7/2023 – minor edits made to WQC condition C.2.a on page 9.

The Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) for the Interstate 90 (I-90)/State Route (SR) 18 Interchange to Deep Creek – Interchange Improvements and Widening project in King County, Washington. The following processing dates are referenced below:

- On February 10, 2021, WSDOT submitted a pre-filing meeting request.
- On January 26, 2022, Ecology received a request for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification.
- On March 7, 2022, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Ecology issued a joint public notice for the project.

The project proposes to construct a four-lane diverging diamond interchange (DDI) at the I-90/SR 18 interchange and widen SR 18 from milepost 25.41 to milepost 27.91, extending north along Snoqualmie Pkwy to SE 99th Street. Extending south from the interchange to Deep Creek, the highway will be widened to four lanes. From Deep Creek to the southernmost limits of the project (milepost 25.41), SR 18 will be three lanes in order to tie in with the existing highway. The closed weigh station located in the northwest quadrant of the interchange will be removed. Existing culverts at Lake Creek and Deep Creek will be replaced with four lane bridges and a new two-lane bridge will be constructed next to the existing bridge over the Raging River. In addition to replacing the culverts (located south of the interchange) on Lake Creek and Deep Creek, a series of fish barriers will be corrected within the interchange itself. A section of Lake Creek will be daylighted through the interchange that includes two fish passable crossing and stream channel enhancement, allowing fish to pass through and reach fish habitat north of the interchange as well as south. Other project elements include a pedestrian trail/walkway as well as constructing stormwater facilities and installing stormwater drainage and treatment in the interchange and along SR 18. The project will result in impacts to wetlands. Mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank will be used for compensatory wetland mitigation. In addition, all temporary impact areas to streams and wetlands will be restored on site. The fish passage barrier at a King County Road, SE 104<sup>th</sup>, will be replaced with a fish passable structure.

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The project site is located on SR 18 and included the SR 18/I-90 Interchange (I-90: milepost 24.80 to milepost 27.49 and SR 18: milepost 27.91 to milepost 25.41) and includes multiple streams (Lake Creek, Deep Creek, Raging River and un-named tributaries to these waterbodies) located within King County, Washington, Section 2, 3, 10, 11, & 15, Township 23N., Range 7E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 7 - Snohomish.

#### **AUTHORITIES**

In exercising authority under 33 U.S.C. §1341, RCW 90.48.120, and RCW 90.48.260, Ecology has reviewed this WQC request pursuant to the following:

- 1. Conformance with applicable water quality-based, technology-based, and toxic or pretreatment effluent limitations as provided under 33 U.S.C. §§1311, 1312, 1313, 1316, and 1317.
- 2. Conformance with the state water quality standards contained in Chapter 173-201A WAC and authorized by 33 U.S.C. §1313 and by Chapter 90.48 RCW, and with other applicable state laws; and
- 3. Conformance with the provision of using all known, available and reasonable methods to prevent and control pollution of state waters as required by RCW 90.48.010.
- 4. Conformance with Washington's prohibition on discharges that cause or tend to cause pollution of waters of the state of Washington. RCW 90.48.080.
- 5. The Project Proponent of the project authorized is responsible for obtaining all other permits, licenses, and certifications that may be required by federal, state, local or tribal authorities.

With this Water Quality Certification Order (WQC Order), Ecology is granting with conditions WSDOT's request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Interstate 90 (i-90)/State Route (SR) 18 Interchange to Deep Creek – Interchange Improvements & Widening project, with multiple waterbodies: Deep Creek, Raging River, Lake Creek, Un-named Tributaries and located in King County. Ecology has determined that the proposed discharges will comply with all applicable state water quality and other appropriate requirements of State law, provided the project is conducted in accordance with the WQC request that Ecology received on January 26, 2022, the supporting documents referenced in Table 1 below, and the conditions of this WQC Order.

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**Table 1.** Supporting Documents

Date Received	Document Type	Title and Date	Author
01-26-22	Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) Form	JARPA (dated 01-20-22)	WSDOT
12-16-22	Drawings	I-90/SR 18 Interchange to Deep Creek JARPA Drawings (dated 12- 16-22)	WSDOT
9-2-21	Biological Assessment	Biological Assessment Interstate 90/State Route 18 Interchange to Deep Creek Widening and Interchange Improvements (dated October 2019)	WSDOT
	Biological Opinion	Endangered Species (ESA) Section 7(a)(2) Biological Opinion and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Essential Fish Habitat Response (dated January 21, 2021)	National Marine Fisheries Service
1-26-22	Wetland Assessment Report	I-90/SR 18 Interchange to Deep Creek Interchange Improvements and Widening: Wetland and Stream Assessment Report (dated March 2021; revised January 2022)	WSDOT Northwest Region Environmental Services
12-16-22	Mitigation Plan	I-90/SR 18 Interchange to Deep Creek – Widening and Interchange Improvements Project Final Shorelines Critical Areas Report and Mitigation Plan (dated December 2022)	WSDOT

Date Received	Document Type	Title and Date	Author
12-13-22	Water Quality Monitoring and Protection Plan	In-Water Work Water Quality Monitoring & Protection for Individual 401 I-90/SR 18 I/C to Deep Creek (dated 12-13-22)	WSDOT, Aecon & PBS

Issuance of this Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this proposal does not authorize WSDOT to exceed applicable state water quality standards (Chapter 173-201A WAC), ground water quality standards (Chapter 173-204 WAC) or other appropriate requirements of State law. Furthermore, nothing in this Section 401 Water Quality Certification absolves the WSDOT from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters, or sediments resulting from project construction or operations.

#### **Water Quality Certification Conditions**

The following conditions will be incorporated into the Corps permit and strictly adhered to by the WSDOT. Specific condition justifications and citations are provided below each condition in *italic text*.

#### A. General Conditions

- 1. In this WQC Order, the term "Project Proponent" shall mean the WSDOT and its agents, assignees, and contractors.
  - Justification Ecology needs to identify that conditions of this WQC Order apply to anyone conducting work on behalf of the Project Proponent to ensure compliance with the water quality standards and other applicable state laws.
  - Citation 40 CFR 121.1(j), Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.080, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 2. All submittals required by this WQC Order shall be sent to Ecology's Headquarters Office, Attn: Federal Permit Manager, via e-mail to fednotification@ecy.wa.gov and cc to penny.kelley@ecy.wa.gov. The submittals shall be identified with WQC Order No. 21559 and include the Project Proponent's name, Corps permit number, project name, project contact, and the contact phone number.
  - Justification Ecology needs to identify where information and submittals are to be submitted to be in compliance with the requirements of this WQC Order.

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- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 3. Work authorized by this WQC Order is limited to the work described in the WQC request package received by Ecology on January 26, 2022, and the supporting documentation identified in Table 1.
  - Justification Ecology has the authority to prevent and control pollution of state waters. By authorizing a discharge into a water of the state, through a WQC, Ecology is certifying the project as proposed will not negatively impact water quality. Therefore, it is imperative the project is conducted as it was presented during the review process. Any deviations from information within the WQC Request package and this WQC Order must be disclosed prior to the initiation of the planned work and may require a new WQC request.
  - Citation 40 CFR 121.5, 40 CFR 121.10, 40 CFR 121.11, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, Chapter 173-204 WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 4. The Project Proponent shall keep copies of this WQC Order on the job site and readily available for reference by Ecology personnel, the construction superintendent, construction managers and lead workers, and state and local government inspectors.
  - Justification All parties (including on-site contractors) must be aware of and comply with the WQC Order for the protection of water quality.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 5. The Project Proponent shall provide access to the project site and all mitigation sites 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.
- 6. The Project Proponent shall ensure that all project engineers, contractors, and other workers at the project site with authority to direct work have read and understand relevant conditions of this WQC Order and all permits, approvals, and documents referenced in this WQC Order. The

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Project Proponent shall provide Ecology a signed statement (see Attachment A for an example) before construction begins.

- Justification Ecology needs to ensure that anyone conducting work at the project, on behalf
  of the Project Proponent, 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 Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 7. This WQC Order does not authorize direct, indirect, permanent, or temporary impacts to waters of the state or related aquatic resources, except as specifically provided for in conditions of this WQC Order.
  - Justification Ecology has the authority to prevent and control pollution of state waters, and to protect designated uses. By authorizing a discharge into a water of the state, through a water quality certification, Ecology is certifying the project as proposed will not negatively impact state water quality and will comply with the state's water quality requirements. Therefore, it is imperative the project is conducted as it was presented during the review process, and as conditioned herein.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-200 WAC, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300(2)(e)(i), WAC 173-201A-310, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 8. Failure of any person or entity to comply with the WQC Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions, whether administrative or judicial, to enforce the state's water quality standards and the conditions of this WQC Order.
  - Justification 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. Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. Civil penalties and other enforcement actions are the primary means of securing compliance with water quality requirements.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.037, RCW 90.48.080, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.140, RCW 90.48.142, RCW 90.48.144, and WAC 173-225-010.

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- 9. The Project Proponent shall provide Ecology documentation for review before undertaking any major changes to the proposed project that could significantly and adversely affect water quality, other than those project changes required by this WQC Order.
  - Justification- Ecology has independent authority to enforce our 401 certification conditions issued through this WQC Order pursuant to RCW 90.48 and has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. In order to ensure the project will comply with water quality standards in the event of any major changes, Ecology must be able to review the scope of work involved in the construction and operation of the project, otherwise all work must stop and a new 401 certification pre-filing meeting, followed by a new WQC request (after requisite 30-days) is required.
  - Citation- 40 CFR 121.1(k) and (n), 40 CFR 121.3, 40 CFR 121.5, 40 CFR 121.11, Chapter 90.48 RCW, and Chapter 173-201 WAC.
- 10. The Project Proponent shall send (per A.2.) a copy of the final Federal permit to Ecology's Federal Permit Manager within two weeks of receiving it.
  - Justification This condition is needed to ensure that all the conditions of the WQC Order have been incorporated into the federal permit.
  - Citation- 40 CFR 121.10, 40 CFR 121.11, Chapter 90.48 RCW
- 11. This WQC Order will automatically transfer to a new owner or operator if:
  - a. A Request for Transfer of Order form is completed between the Project Proponent and new owner or operator with the specific transfer date of the WQC Order's obligations, coverage, and liability and submitted to Ecology per condition A.2. Link to form: https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070695.html;
  - b. A copy of this WQC Order is provided to the new owner or operator; and
  - c. Ecology does not notify the new Project Proponent that a new WQC Order is required to complete the transfer.
    - 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.

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> Citation –40 CFR 121.5, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.

#### **B.** Notification Requirements

- 1. The following notifications shall be made via phone or e-mail (e-mail is preferred) to Ecology's Federal Permit Manager via e-mail to fednotification@ecy.wa.gov and cc to penny.kelley@ecy.wa.gov. Notifications shall be identified with WQC Order No.21559 Corps Reference No. NWS-2019-115-DOT, and include the Project Proponent name, project name, project location, project contact and the phone number.
  - a. Immediately following a violation of state water quality standards or when the project is out of compliance with any conditions of this WQC Order;
  - b. At least ten (10) days prior to all pre-construction meetings;
  - c. At least ten (10) days prior to conducting initial in-water work activities;
    - Justification Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. Ecology must be aware of when a project starts and ends and whether there are any issues. This allows Ecology to evaluate compliance with the state water quality requirements.
    - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, Chapter 173-204 WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 2. In addition to the phone or e-mail notification required under B.1.a. above, the Project Proponent shall submit a detailed written report to Ecology within five (5) days that describes the nature of the event, corrective action taken and/or planned, steps to be taken to prevent a recurrence, results of any samples taken, and any other pertinent information.
  - Justification Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. This condition is intended to assure the Project Proponent remains in full compliance with state water quality requirements for the duration of the project.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 3. If the project construction is not completed within 13 months of issuance of this WQC Order, the Project Proponent shall submit per Condition A2 a written construction status report and submit status reports every 12 months until construction and mitigation are completed.

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- Justification Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. Ecology must be aware of when a project starts and ends and whether there are any issues. This allows Ecology to evaluate compliance with the state water quality requirements.
- Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.120, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, Chapter 173-204 WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.

#### C. Timing

- This WQC Order is effective upon issuance of the U.S. Corps of Engineers (Corps) individual permit for this project and will remain valid for the duration of the associated permit for the project.
  - 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. The following in-water work windows apply to the project:
  - a. All activities within the wetted perimeter of Raging River, Deep Creek, Lake Creek, and associated tributaries may be conducted between July 1 and September 15 of any year.
  - b. For the in-water work season in 2025, all activities within non-fish bearing sections of RR-D and RR-C, may be conducted between June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. If work needs to be conducted outside this window, the applicant shall update the WQMPP for this project and submit it to Ecology.
    - Justification This condition is reaffirming the project will take place during a time period that will not harm fish or other aquatic species.
    - Citation Chapter 77.55 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080,
       Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300, WAC 173-201A-330, WAC 173-225-010,
       and Chapter 220-660 WAC.
- 3. Any project change that requires a new or revised Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) from the Department of Fish and Wildlife should be sent to Ecology for review before the change is implemented.
  - Justification This condition is reaffirming the project will take place during a time period that will not harm fish or other aquatic species.

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> Citation - Chapter 77.55 RCW, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300, WAC 173-201A-330, WAC 173-225-010, and Chapter 220-660 WAC.

#### D. Water Quality Monitoring and Criteria

- This WQC Order does not authorize the Project Proponent to exceed applicable water quality standards beyond the limits established in Chapter 173-201A WAC, except as authorized by this WQC Order.
  - Justification This condition ensures compliance with water quality standards to protect surface waters of the state. 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 173-225-010.
- 6. The Project Proponent shall implement the Water Quality Monitoring and Protection Plan (WQMPP), identified in Table 1.
  - 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 173-225-010.
- 7. If water quality exceedances for turbidity are observed outside the point of compliance, work shall cease immediately and the Project Proponent or the contractor shall assess the cause of the water quality problem and take immediate action to stop, contain, and correct the problem and prevent further water quality turbidity exceedances.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and prevent exceedances of the water quality standards that 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 173-225-010.

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- 8. Visible turbidity anywhere beyond the temporary area of mixing (point of compliance) from the activity, shall be considered an exceedance of the standard.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and prevent exceedances of the water quality standards that 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 173-225-010.
- 9. Monitoring results shall be submitted monthly to Ecology's Federal Permit Manager, per condition A.2.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and prevent exceedances of the water quality standards that 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 173-225-010.
- 10. Ecology may ask or could use its discretionary authority to require the Project Proponent to provide mitigation and/or additional monitoring if the monitoring results indicate that the water quality standards have not been met.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution and ensure that aquatic life and beneficial uses are protected.
  - Citation RCW 90.48, RCW 90.48.010, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, RCW 90.48.120,
     Chapter 173-201A WAC, 173-201A-300-330 WAC, Chapter 173-204 WAC.

#### E. Construction

#### **General Conditions**

- All work in and near waters of the state 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 maintenance 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

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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.
- 2. All clearing limits, stockpiles, staging areas, and trees to be preserved shall clearly be marked prior to commencing construction activities and 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 173-225-010.
- 3. No stockpiling or staging of materials shall occur at or below the OHWM of any waterbody.
  - Justification 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 173-225-010.
- 4. The Project Proponent shall comply with the conditions of the Construction Stormwater General Permit (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System NPDES) issued for this project.
  - Justification 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, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010

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- 5. Within the project limits<sup>1</sup> all environmentally sensitive areas including, but not limited to, wetlands, wetland buffers, shoreline riparian buffers and mitigation areas shall be fenced with high visibility construction fencing (HVF) or staked and flagged in areas of high wildlife use, prior to commencing construction activities. Construction activities include equipment staging, materials storage, and work vehicle parking. Note: This condition does not apply to activities such as pre-construction surveying and installing HVF and construction zone signage.
  - a. All field staff shall be trained to recognize HVF, understand its purpose and properly install it in the appropriate locations.
  - b. HVF shall be maintained until all work is completed for each project or each stage of a staged project.
    - Justification 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 173-225-010.
- 6. No petroleum products, fresh concrete, lime or concrete, chemicals, or other toxic or deleterious materials shall be allowed to enter waters of the state.
  - Justification 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 173-225-010.
- 7. All construction debris, excess sediment, and other solid waste material shall be properly managed and disposed of in an upland disposal site approved by the appropriate regulatory authority.
  - Justification Ecology must be assured that the Project Proponent is managing and disposing of material to 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Project limits include mitigation sites, staging areas, borrow sources, and other sites developed or used to support project construction.

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- 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 173-225-010.
- 8. All equipment being used below the ordinary high-water mark shall utilize biodegradable hydraulic fluid.
  - Justification 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 173-225-010.
- 9. Applicant shall ensure that fill (soil, gravel, or other material) placed for the proposed project does not contain toxic materials in toxic amounts.
  - Justification 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 173-225-010.
- 10. Work within waters of the state shall be conducted in the dry or during periods of low flow to the extent practicable.
  - Justification 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 173-225-010.

#### Equipment and Maintenance

11. Equipment used for this project shall be free of external petroleum-based products while used around the waters of the state, including wetlands. Accumulation of soils or debris shall be removed from the drive mechanisms (wheels, tires, tracks, etc.) and the undercarriage of equipment prior to its use around waters of the state, including wetlands.

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- Justification 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, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 12. No equipment shall enter, operate, be stored or parked within any sensitive area except as specifically provided for in this WQC Order.
  - Justification 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 173-225-010.
- 13. Fuel hoses, oil drums, oil or fuel transfer valves and fittings, etc., shall be checked regularly for drips or leaks, and shall be maintained and stored properly to prevent spills into state waters.
  - Justification 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, Chapter 173-200, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 14. Wash water containing oils, grease, or other hazardous materials resulting from washing of equipment or working areas shall not be discharged into state waters. The Project Proponent shall set up a designated area for washing down equipment.
  - Justification 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, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, and WAC 173-225-010.
- 15. A separate area shall be set aside, which does not have any possibility of draining to surface waters, for the wash-out of concrete delivery trucks, pumping equipment, and tools.

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- Justification 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 173-225-010.

#### **Bridge Construction**

- 16. The Project Proponent shall minimize disturbance of vegetation when constructing temporary work platforms for bridge construction activities.
  - Justification Vegetation removal or disturbance can contribute to erosion and turbidity issues. 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, WAC 173-225-010.
- 17. All forms for concrete shall be completely sealed to prevent the possibility of fresh concrete entering waters of the state.
  - Justification 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 173-225-010.
- 18. All concrete shall be completely cured prior to coming into contact with water.
  - Justification 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 173-225-010.
- 19. Concrete process water shall not enter waters of the state. Any concrete process/contact water discharged from a confined area with curing concrete shall be routed to upland areas to be treated and disposed of appropriately with no possible entry to state waters.

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- Justification 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 173-225-010.
- 20. All saw cut water and debris generated from saw cutting activities that occur above water shall be contained and disposed of appropriately with no possible entry to waters of the state.
  - Justification 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 173-225-010.

#### **Dewatering**

- 21. Turbid de-watering water associated with in-water work shall not be discharged directly to waters of the state, including wetlands. Turbid de-watering water shall be routed to an upland area for on-site or off-site settling.
  - Justification 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 173-225-010.
- 22. Clean de-watering water associated with in-water work that has been tested and confirmed to meet water quality standards may be discharged directly to waters of the state including wetlands. The discharge outfall method shall be designed and operated so as not to cause erosion or scour in the stream channel, banks, or vegetation.
  - Justification 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 173-225-010.

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- 23. All equipment associated with dewatering activities shall be properly operated and maintained.
  - Justification Maintained equipment is less likely to fail or leak pollutants. 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, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010.

#### **Culvert Work and Stream Bypass**

- 24. All culvert work shall be conducted in the dry or in isolation from stream flow.
  - Justification This condition would limit re-suspension of sediment that could cause water quality exceedances. 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 173-225-010.
- 25. Stream flow isolation work shall not scour the stream channel or banks of the water body in which the work is being done.
  - Justification Scour and erosion could cause long term instability of the project and contribute to water quality impacts. 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 173-225-010.
- 26. To minimize sediment releases into downstream water, water reintroduced to the channel shall be done gradually and at a rate not exceeding the normal stream flow.
  - Justification Maintaining natural stream flow rate is important for maintaining beneficial
    uses and preventing water quality impacts. 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 173-225-010.

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- 27. Culverts shall be installed to avoid inlet scouring and prevent downstream bank erosion.
  - Justification Scour and erosion could cause long term instability of the project and contribute to water quality impacts. 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 173-225-010.
- 28. Fill associated with culvert installation shall be protected from erosion to the 100-year peak flow.
  - Justification Erosion could cause long term instability of the project and contribute to water quality impacts. 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 173-225-010.
- 29. Prior to returning stream flow to the de-watered work areas, all proposed bank protection measures shall be in place.
  - Justification Unprotected banks could erode, causing bank instability and contribute to water quality impacts. 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 173-225-010.

#### F. Wetland Mitigation Conditions

- 1. The Project Proponent shall mitigate wetland impacts as described in *I-90/SR 18 Interchange to Deep Creek Widening and Interchange Improvements Project: Final Shorelines Critical Areas Report and Mitigation Plan* (dated December 2022) (hereafter called the "Mitigation Plan") as identified in Table 1 or as required by this Order.
  - Justification Alteration of water quality necessitates the use of mitigation as a method of controlling pollution. When adequate mitigation is provided, the impacts are not considered

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significant enough to water quality, at least in the long-term. The water quality standards, along with mitigation, protect wetlands as well as permitting some level of degradation where unavoidable or necessary.

- Citation 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, 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.
- 2. The Project Proponent shall submit any proposed changes to the Mitigation Plan in writing to Ecology (see A.2) for review, as described in the Mitigation Plan before implementing the changes.
  - Justification –When adequate mitigation is provided, the water quality impacts are offset and not considered significant, at least in the long-term. Changes to impacts or mitigation must be considered when evaluating mitigation adequacy.
  - Citation 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, RCW 47.85.040, 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.
- 3. Prior to impacting wetlands, the Project Proponent shall submit to Ecology documentation from the bank sponsor verifying the purchase of credits as specified in the Mitigation Plan. This documentation must include the Ecology Order number, Order issuance date, impact acreage, the amount of credits required by the Order, and date of credit purchase.
  - Justification This condition is necessary to ensure the compensatory mitigation was actually provided by the bank.
  - Citation 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, RCW 47.85.040, 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.
- 4. Unless otherwise authorized by this WQC Order, the Project Proponent shall complete the purchase of credits before impacting wetlands. Otherwise, Ecology may require the Project Proponent to provide additional compensation to account for additional temporal loss of wetland functions.
  - Justification Mitigation that is not emplaced concurrent with impacts will result in degradation of existing beneficial uses of the wetlands affected by the proposed action through temporal loss of functions.

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- Citation 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, RCW 47.85.040, 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.
- 5. If the Project Proponent has not purchased credits within 13 months of the date of this Order, the Project Proponent shall inform Ecology, in writing, of the status of:
  - a. I-90/SR 18 Interchange to Deep Creek Widening and Interchange Improvements Project
  - b. When bank credits will be purchased

With the:

- c. Reason for the delay
- d. Expected date of completion

The Project Proponent shall submit an updated written notification every 12 months thereafter until *I-90/SR 18 Interchange to Deep Creek – Widening and Interchange Improvements Project* is complete, and the required credits are purchased.

- Justification Mitigation that is not emplaced concurrent with impacts will result in degradation of existing beneficial uses of the wetlands affected by the proposed action through temporal loss of functions.
- Citation 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, RCW 47.85.040, 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.
- 6. The Project Proponent's obligation to compensate for wetland impacts under F.1 is not met until the Project Proponent has received written notice from Ecology that the obligation is met.
  - Justification If the mitigation site is not meeting all compensatory mitigation conditions, then the water quality impacts will not be offset by the mitigation.
  - Citation 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, RCW 47.85.040, 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 WAC.

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#### F. Emergency/Contingency Measures

- 1. The Project Proponent shall develop and implement a spill prevention and containment plan for all aspects of this project.
  - Justification Ecology must ensure that the Project Proponent has a plan to prevent pollution from entering waterways. 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, Chapter 90.56.280 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-303-145.
- 2. The Project Proponent shall have adequate and appropriate spill response and cleanup materials available on site to respond to any release of petroleum products or any other material into waters of the state.
  - Justification Ecology must have assurance that the Project Proponent has the material readily available in WQC Order to address any spills that might occur to protect waters of the state. 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.
- 3. Fuel hoses, oil drums, oil or fuel transfer valves and fittings, etc., shall be checked regularly for drips or leaks, and shall be maintained and stored properly to prevent spills into state waters.
  - Justification 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.
- 4. Work causing distressed or dying fish and discharges of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters is prohibited. If such work, conditions,

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or discharges occur, the Project Proponent shall notify Ecology's Federal Permit Manager, per condition A2, and immediately take the following actions:

- a. Cease operations at the location of the non-compliance.
- b. Assess the cause of the water quality problem and take appropriate measures to correct the problem and prevent further environmental damage.
- c. In the event of a discharge of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters, or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters, containment and cleanup efforts shall begin immediately and be completed as soon as possible, taking precedence over normal work. Cleanup shall include proper disposal of any spilled material and used cleanup materials.
- d. Immediately notify Ecology's Regional Spill Response Office and the Washington State Department of Fish and 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.
- e. Immediately notify the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802, for actual spills to water only.
  - 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. Notify Ecology's Regional Spill Response Office immediately if chemical containers (e.g., drums) are discovered on-site or any conditions present indicating disposal or burial of chemicals on-site that may impact surface water or ground water.
  - Justification Oil and hazardous materials spills cause environmental damage. 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.

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