



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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June 3, 2025

SEALink Networks Inc.
Attn: Ryan Wopschall
136 Misty Marie Lane
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Washington Fiber (Corps No. **NWS-2024-641**), Pacific Ocean, Westport, Grays Harbor County, Washington

Dear Ryan:

On November 27, 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 21-day public notice on March 19, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with SEALink Networks Inc.'s determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

On May 5, 2025, SEALink Networks Inc. and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM review period until November 27, 2025 in order for SEALink Networks Inc. to obtain a Shoreline Permit.

The proposed work includes installation of up to six seaward conduits, each between about 3,300 and 4,900 feet offshore from the Beach Landing Parcel, located at 1603 Seashell Lane in Westport, using horizontal directional drilling. The project will install about 1.4 miles of buried PVC conduit(s) and fiber optic cable, about 3 to 4 feet deep, in the existing public road right-of-way from the Beach Landing Parcel to a new Cable Landing Station located at 1844 S Montesano Street in Westport. The project intends to serve Alaska because all existing submarine fiber optic cables are at or nearing end-of-life.

The project site is located at 1603 Seashell Lane, in the Pacific Ocean, Grays Harbor County, Washington, located in portions of Section 13, Township 16 N., Range 12 W. and portions of Section 18, Township 16 N., Range 11 W. within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 22 Lower Chehalis.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Lydia Albright at Lydia.Albright@ecy.wa.gov or 360-970-2983.

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://eluh0.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

Service on Ecology

Street Addresses:

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
300 Desmond Drive SE
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Olympia, WA 98504-7608

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E-Mail Address:

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Sincerely,

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

Maria Sandercock, Section Manager
Southwest Region
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Sent via e-mail: ryan.w@aptalaska.com

E-cc: Randel Perry, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Zachary Layman, SEALink Networks Inc.
Vanessa Rogers, Environmental Science Associates
Lydia Albright, Ecology
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