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June 25, 2025

Port of Tacoma
Attn: Kristin Evered
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for the Port of Tacoma
Programmatic Maintenance, Repair and Scientific Sampling (Corps No. NWS-2024-446),
Blair Waterway, Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington

Dear Kristin Evered:

On October 1, 2024, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. A Joint Public Notice between Ecology and the Army Corps of Engineers was issued on October 24, 2024. On March 25, 2025, the Port of Tacoma and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM review period until July 25, 2025, in order for the Port of Tacoma to meet the requirements of the state's Shoreline Management Act and Water Pollution Control Act.

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 **with the following condition:**

1. The Port of Tacoma must obtain final shoreline permits/exemptions prior to in-water work as required under the Shoreline Management Act (SMA). This will demonstrate consistency with the enforceable policies of the SMA.

The Port of Tacoma obtained shoreline permit exemptions for all activities except boat launch repairs, shoreline stabilization, and maintenance dredging. Pierce County will not broadly issue shoreline permits or exemptions for these categories of activities prior to a specific activity being proposed and more detailed plans provided. In order to ensure consistency with the enforceable policies, the Port of Tacoma provided a CZM Consistency Memorandum on May 16, 2025, for boat launch repairs, shoreline stabilization, and maintenance dredging confirming that proposed activities would be consistent with the City of Tacoma's Shoreline Master Plan.

Additionally, the Section 401 Water Quality Certification issued for this proposal (#23740) also requires final shoreline permits/exemptions be obtained prior to in-water work (condition A12).

The proposed action consists of a range of activities covered under a single program for the Port of Tacoma. The program is limited to maintenance, repair, and replacement of portions of existing Port structures on an as-needed basis to maintain the function and structural integrity of piers, pier structures (e.g., fenders, etc.), dolphins, bulkheads, shoreline protection armor, docks and wharves, outfalls, and berths along with sediment sampling to support these Port maintenance and cleanup obligations. The Port of Tacoma's facilities are subject to normal wear and tear and weather and vessel-related damage. As a result, routine maintenance of Port facilities is necessary. These activities include maintenance of existing structures, including pile systems, fender systems and rub strips, cathodic protection systems, decks, piles/ramps/float assemblages, overwater safety equipment, shoreline stabilization (including alternative shoreline stabilization in place of hard armoring), outfalls and tide gates, boat ramps and launches, under pier utilities, navigational aids, and on-dock structures (minor overwater construction).

The program also includes maintenance dredging of existing vessel berths, geotechnical/sediment sampling to support dredging and cleanup projects, pile and overwater structure removal, and debris/vessel removal. The program does not cover new structures, new areas of shoreline stabilization, or wetland impacts.

These activities would occur in Commencement Bay, Pierce County, Washington.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Laura Inouye at laura.inouye@ecy.wa.gov.

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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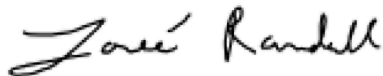
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Sincerely,



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