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June 27, 2025

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District
Attn: Amy Gibbons
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Portland, Oregon 97204

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for the Lower Columbia River
Federal Navigation Channel Operations and Maintenance and Dredged Material
Management Plan, Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties, Washington

Dear Amy Gibbons:

On April 9, 2025, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers submitted a Consistency Determination with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP). Pursuant to 15 CFR 930.36(b)(2), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Ecology mutually agreed to extend the notification requirement to allow for a 3-month state review period. Ecology issued a 21-day public notice on April 21, 2025, and received no comments.

The proposed activity includes on-going operational and maintenance dredging of the federal navigation channel of the Columbia River and seven Columbia River side channels to the federally authorized dimensions between Columbia River Miles 3.0 and 145.0. The project also incorporates a Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP), which designates sites for the placement of dredged material within the project area to support maintenance dredging activities for at least the next 20 years. In addition to maintenance dredging and disposal of sediment, the project includes the installation and repair of several pile dike structures within the federal navigation channel.

The project sites within the coastal zone include:

- Federal Navigation Channel Maintenance Dredging
 - River Miles 3.0 to 101.4 – Maintenance dredging will occur to a depth of -48 feet (-43 feet with up to -5 feet of advanced maintenance depth) and width of 600 feet with up to 100 feet in overwidth in selected areas.
- Side Channel Maintenance Dredging

- Baker Bay - Maintenance dredging will occur to a depth of -18 feet (-16 feet with up to -2 feet of advanced maintenance depth) and width up to 200 feet with overwidth where needed.
- Chinook Channel - Maintenance dredging will occur to a depth of -12 feet (-10 feet with up to -2 feet of advanced maintenance depth) and width up to 150 feet with overwidth where needed.
- Skamokawa Creek - Maintenance dredging will occur to a depth of -8.5 feet (-6.5 feet with up to -2 feet of advanced maintenance depth) and width up to 75 feet with overwidth where needed
- Elochoman Slough - Maintenance dredging will occur to a depth of -12 feet (-10 feet with up to -2 feet of advanced maintenance depth) and width up to 100 feet with overwidth where needed.
- Wahkiakum Ferry Channel - Maintenance dredging will occur to a depth of -11 feet (-9 feet with up to -2 feet of advanced maintenance depth) and width up to 200 feet with overwidth where needed.
- Dredged Material Management Program Disposal Areas
 - Shallow Water Placement Sites: River Miles 22.2, 35.0, 37.3, 47.1,
 - Confined Aquatic Placement Sites: River Miles 24.9 and 35.6.
 - Upland Placement Sites: River Miles 21.0, 42.5, 44.0, 46.3,
 - Shoreline Placement Sites: River Miles 22.3, 26.8, 33.4, 34.3, 34.9, 37.9, 38.5, 40.8, 41.2, 42.4, 43.0, 43.9, 45.8, 47.6,
 - Transfer Sites: River Miles 44.5,
 - Deep-Water Placement: Within the Lower Columbia River Federal Navigation Channel.
 - Ocean Placement: Deep-Water Site ocean dredges material disposal site, 6 miles offshore of the Mouth of the Columbia River.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Jessica Hausman at Jessica.Hausman@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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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brenden', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brenden McFarland on behalf of
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Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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