



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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July 16, 2025

Duwamish Yacht Club  
ATTN: H. Donald Laford  
1801 South 93rd Street  
Seattle, WA, 98108

Re: Section 401 Water Quality Certification Denial without Prejudice, Order No. 23330,  
(Corps No. NWS-2024-639), Duwamish Yacht Club Maintenance Dredge, King County,  
Washington

Dear H. Donald Laford:

On 7/29/2024, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the above-referenced project. Ecology has one year from the Section 401 Water Quality Certification request to issue its decision.

At this time Ecology has not received the necessary information needed to assure that the discharges from the project will meet state water quality laws and requirements. Therefore, pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, Chapter 90.48 RCW, and Chapter 173-201A WAC, Ecology is denying without prejudice the Duwamish Yacht Club's request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification. Receipt of a denial without prejudice does not preclude you from submitting a new request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification at a later date.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Inouye at 360-515-8213. The Enclosed Order may be appealed by following the procedures described in the Order.

Sincerely,

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Loree' Randall, Section Manager  
Aquatic Permitting & Protection Section  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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Aquatics ID No. 134599

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Enclosure (1)

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In The Matter of Denying Section 401 Water Quality  
Certification to the Duwamish Yacht Club  
pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401),  
RCW 90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC

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<b>WQC Order No.</b>	23330
<b>Corps Reference No.</b>	NWS-2024-639
<b>Site Location</b>	Duwamish Yacht Club, located within Duwamish River, Seattle, King County, Washington.

On 7/29/2024, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) for the above-referenced project. Ecology has one year from the receipt of the request for a WQC to issue its decision.

On 6/16/2025, Ecology sent you an e-mail explaining that we needed the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) determination in order to issue a 401 WQC.

Without this information, Ecology does not have the necessary information to certify that the project will meet state water quality laws. With the statutory deadline approaching, Ecology must deny the WQC at this time. Therefore, pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, Chapter 90.48 RCW and Chapter 173-201A WAC, Duwamish Yacht Club's request for a WQC is denied without prejudice.

Receipt of a denial without prejudice does not preclude you from submitting the information identified above with a new request for a WQC at a later date.

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

### Service on Ecology

#### Street Addresses:

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Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
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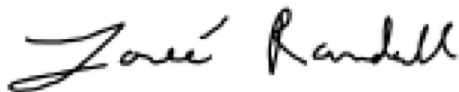
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## Signature

Dated this 16th day of July 2025, at the Department of Ecology, Lacey, Washington.



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Loree' Randall, Section Manager  
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