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The Department of the Navy
Naval Base Kitsap
ATTN: Richard Chong
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Dabob Bay Range
Recapitalization, Dabob Bay, Dabob Bay Range Complex, Jefferson County, Washington

Dear Richard Chong:

On June 10, 2025, the Department of the Navy (Navy) submitted a Consistency Determination with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP). Ecology issued a 21-day public notice on June 30, 2025, and received no comments. At Ecology's request, the Navy supplied additional information on June 17, 2025.

The Navy proposes to replace seven existing arrays located at the bottom of Dabob Bay within the Hood Canal that are used to support range testing activities within the Dabob Bay Range Complex, which is an active military range. The project will also replace existing cables with new fiber cables and add seven broadband hydrophones to support marine mammal monitoring. The range is located within Dabob Bay and along the shoreline of Zelatched Point.

Arrays would be replaced within the same footprint with no increase in the number of arrays or dimensions of the underwater structures. Once the Navy vessel reaches the existing array location, the Navy recovery crew will attach the crane cable to the in-water array tower, pull the tower up to the vessel deck and secure it. Then the new array tower is connected to the crane, lifted and placed/lowered into the water being positioned where the previously removed array tower was located.

Old towers will be reused or possibly refurbished for future use based on design and condition. Towers have typically been allowed to dry in the air for several months before being delivered to a contractor facility for cleaning and painting. For towers to be disposed of, the tower would be allowed to dry and then disassembled (nuts and bolts) for transport to a disposal facility.

Replacement array towers will be placed in the same footprint as the existing array towers. This will be confirmed during the array tower survey process once all new array towers are in place.

New cables would be installed between the array towers and the Zelatched Point shoreline Building 453 through the existing cable tray leading between the building and the water. At the Zelatched Point shoreline, divers will install the new cables to an existing cable tray.

Cables extending from the array towers will be laid on top of the sea floor following the current cable lay patterns as close as possible that have been down since the array towers were originally installed. The cables will be placed on the seafloor without weights, or any additional items attached to them. Existing cables would not be removed but instead be left in place. No ground disturbance is proposed. Replacement cables will be laid from the Navy vessel.

Field efforts are planned to start September 2025 with the initial installation and test of one tower array, with the remaining six deployed in late November 2025.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Teresa Pucylowski at teressa.pucylowski@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

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