



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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August 25, 2025

Port of Ilwaco
Attn: Tina Hayes
P.O. Box 307
Ilwaco, Washington 98624

Re: Termination of Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 13270 and First Amendment

Dear Tina Hayes:

For the reasons stated below, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) hereby terminates Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 13270 and First Amendment, pursuant to RCW 90.48.120.

Project Background

Order No. 13270 was issued on July 21, 2016, with an amendment issued on February 14, 2025, to the Port of Ilwaco for maintenance dredging of the boat basin along the north shoreline of Baker Bay, Pacific County, Washington. At the request of the Port of Ilwaco, Ecology is reviewing the continued maintenance dredging activities, along with a one-time capital dredge event, and issuing a new Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the project.

Your right to appeal

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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 Termination letter 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.

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If you have questions, please contact Jessica Hausman at (564) 669-9873 or jessica.hausman@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosures: Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 13270 and First Amendment



Termination of Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 13270 and First Amendment
Aquatics No. 19693, Corps No. NWP-2004-78-5
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IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A) ORDER #13270
WATER QUALITY) Corps Reference No. NWP-2004-78-5
CERTIFICATION TO) Maintenance dredging along the north shoreline
the Port of Ilwaco) of Baker Bay removing a maximum of 50,000
in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1341) cubic yards (cy) of sediment annually from the
(FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW) boat basin in Baker Bay, Pacific County,
90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC) Washington

TO: Port of Ilwaco
Attn: Guy Glenn
PO Box 307
Ilwaco WA 98624

On December 7, 2015 the Port of Ilwaco submitted a Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) requesting a Section 401 Water Quality Certification. A joint public notice regarding the request was distributed by the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for the above-referenced project pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 173-225 WAC on December 24, 2015.

The Applicant proposes to conduct maintenance dredging along the north shoreline of Baker Bay, Ilwaco, Washington. The proposed dredging will remove a maximum of 50,000 cy of sediment annually from the boat basin utilizing a 10-inch diameter hydraulic dredge. The dredging depth will range from -8 feet to -16 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) to provide necessary draft for the vessels that use the facility. Dredged material will be piped to the Port's upland dredged material disposal site.

AUTHORITIES:

In exercising authority under 33 U.S.C. § 1341, RCW 90.48.120, and RCW 90.48.260, Ecology has examined this application pursuant to the following:

1. Conformance with applicable water quality-based, technology-based, and toxic or pretreatment effluent limitations as provided under 33 U.S.C. §1311, 1312, 1313, 1316, and 1317 (FWPCA § 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307);
2. Conformance with the state water quality standards contained in Chapter 173-201A WAC and authorized by 33 U.S.C. §1313 and by Chapter 90.48 RCW, and with other applicable state laws; and
3. Conformance with the provision of using all known, available and reasonable methods to prevent and control pollution of state waters as required by RCW 90.48.010.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION CONDITIONS:

Through issuance of this Order, Ecology certifies that it has reasonable assurance that the activity as proposed and conditioned will be conducted in a manner that will meet the applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements of state law. In view of the foregoing and in accordance with 33 U.S.C. § 1341, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-200 WAC and Chapter 173-201A WAC, water quality certification is granted to the Applicant subject to the conditions within this Order.

Certification of this proposal does not authorize the Applicant to exceed applicable state water quality standards (Chapter 173-201A WAC), ground water standards (Chapter 173-200 WAC) or sediment quality standards (Chapter 173-204 WAC). Furthermore, nothing in this certification shall absolve the Applicant from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters or sediments occurring as a result of project construction or operations.

A. General Conditions:

1. In this Order, the term "Applicant" shall mean the Port of Ilwaco and its agents, assignees and contractors.
2. All submittals required by this Order shall be sent to Ecology's Headquarters Office, Attn: Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600 and/or FEDNOTIFICATION@ecy.wa.gov. Any submittals shall reference Order #13270 and Corps Reference # NWP-2004-78-5.
3. All notifications listed below shall be made via phone to name of Helen Pressley, 360-407-6076, or e-mail at hpre461@ecy.wa.gov. These notifications shall be identified with Order #13270 and include the Applicant's name, the project contact, and the contact's phone number.
 - a. At least ten (10) days prior to conducting initial in-water work activities for each in-water work window.
 - b. Within at least seven (7) days after completion of the in-water work.
4. Work authorized by this Order is limited to the work described in the Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) received by Ecology on December 7, 2015, unless otherwise authorized by Ecology.
5. The Applicant shall obtain Ecology review and approval before undertaking any changes to the proposed project that might significantly and adversely affect water quality, other than those project changes required by this Order.

6. Within 30 days of receipt of the updated information, Ecology will determine if the revised project requires a new public notice and Certification or if a modification to this Order is required.
7. This Order shall be rescinded if the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does not issue an individual 404 and/or Section 10 permit for the project.
8. The Applicant shall send (per A.2.) a copy of the final Section 404 Corps permit to Ecology's Federal Project Manager within two weeks of receiving it from the Corps.
9. The Applicant shall keep copies of this Order on the job site and readily available for reference by Ecology personnel, the construction superintendent, construction managers and lead workers, and state and local government inspectors.
10. Upon Ecology personnel's request, the Applicant shall provide access to the project site, all staging areas, and mitigation sites for site inspections, monitoring, necessary data collection, and/or to ensure that conditions of this Order are being met.
11. Nothing in this Order waives Ecology's authority to issue additional orders if Ecology determines that further actions are necessary to implement the water quality laws of the state. Furthermore, Ecology retains continuing jurisdiction to make modifications hereto through supplemental order, if additional impacts due to project construction or operation are identified or if additional conditions are necessary to further protect water quality.
12. In the event of changes or amendments to the state water quality, ground water quality, or sediment standards, or changes in or amendments to the state Water Pollution Control Act (RCW 90.48), or the federal Clean Water Act, Ecology will issue an administrative order to incorporate any such changes or amendments applicable to this project.
13. The Applicant shall ensure that all appropriate project engineers and contractors at the project site have read and understand relevant conditions of this Order and all permits, approvals, and documents referenced in this Order. The Applicant shall provide Ecology a signed statement (see Attachment A for an example) from each project engineer and contractor that they have read and understand the conditions of this Order and the above-referenced permits, plans, documents and approvals. These statements shall be provided to Ecology before construction begins at the project.
14. This Order does not authorize direct, indirect, permanent, or temporary impacts to waters of the state (including wetlands) or related aquatic resources, except as specifically provided for in conditions of this Order.
15. Failure of any person or entity to comply with this Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions, whether administrative or judicial, to enforce its terms.
16. This Order will automatically transfer to a new owner or operator if:

- a. A written agreement between the Applicant and new owner or operator with the specific transfer date of the Order's obligations, coverage, and liability is submitted to Ecology per condition A.2.;
- b. A copy of this Order is provided to the new owner or operator; and
- c. If Ecology does not notify the new Applicant that this Order must be modified to complete the transfer.

B. Water Quality Conditions:

1. This order does not authorize temporary exceedances of water quality standards beyond the limits established in WAC 173-201A-210(1)(e)(i).
 - The area of mixing established for marine waters is a 150 foot radius surrounding the in-water activity. Turbidity occurring outside that zone that is more than 5 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) over background when the background is 50 NTU or less, or a 10% increase in turbidity when the background turbidity is more than 50 NTU is a violation of the turbidity water quality standard.
 - Visible turbidity anywhere at 150 ft point of compliance from the activity and/or the disposal location shall be considered to be an exceedance of the standard.

C. Water Quality Monitoring:

1. The Applicant shall conduct water quality monitoring as described in the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) "Port of Ilwaco Boat Basin Dredged Material Characterization" Plan dated June 2016, prepared by BergerABAM and received on June 10, 2016.

If changes to the WQMP are proposed at any time during the duration of this Order, the Applicant shall submit a revised plan to Ecology for review and approval. The Applicant shall allow at least a 14 day review time for Ecology. Following Ecology's approval, the Applicant shall comply with the approved, updated WQMP.

2. Turbidity monitoring reports shall be sent weekly to the 401/CZM Federal permit coordinator. The permit coordinator shall be contacted within 24 hours if an exceedance occurs.

D. Dredging and Disposal:

1. All dredging is to be done using a 10-inch diameter hydraulic dredge. **Use of any other type of dredge requires preapproval from Ecology.**

2. All dredged material will be piped to the Port's upland dredge material disposal site. **Use of any other type of disposal method or location requires pre-approval by Ecology.**
3. Dredging operations shall be conducted in a manner that minimizes the disturbance or siltation of adjacent waters and prevents the accidental discharge of petroleum products, chemicals or other toxic or deleterious substances into waters of the State.
4. Dredged material shall not be stockpiled on a temporary or permanent basis below the ordinary high water line.
5. During dredging, the Applicant shall have a boat available on site at all times to retrieve debris from the water.
6. A pre-dredge meeting is required to be convened prior to the start of each dredging cycle. A **Dredging Plan** is required and shall be submitted to Ecology to the 401/CZM Federal permit coordinator at the address shown in Condition A2 for review and approval 2 weeks prior to the pre-construction meeting.
7. All sediment shall be disposed of at the Port's upland facility using a pipeline. All water discharged from the third weir back into Baker Bay shall be monitored for turbidity according to the WQMP.

E. Timing Requirements:

1. This Order shall remain in effect for a period of 10 years from date of issuance. Continuing this project beyond the 10 year term of this Order will require separate certifications every 10 years.
2. All in-water work shall be completed by during the work window of November 1 through February 28th as identified in the most current Biological Opinion (BO) dated July 13, 2016. Any change that requires a new or revised BO should also be sent to Ecology for review.

F. Emergency/Contingency Measures:

1. The Applicant shall develop a spill prevention and containment plan for this project, and shall have spill cleanup materials and an emergency call list available on site.
2. Any work that is out of compliance with the provisions of this Order, or conditions causing distressed or dying fish, or any discharge of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters, or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters, is prohibited. If these occur, the Applicant or operator shall immediately take the following actions:
 - a. Cease operations that are causing the compliance problem.

- b. Assess the cause of the water quality problem and take appropriate measures to correct the problem and/or prevent further environmental damage.
 - c. In the event of finding distressed or dying fish, the applicant shall collect fish specimens and water samples in the affected area within the first hour of the event. These samples shall be held in refrigeration or on ice until the applicant is instructed by Ecology on what to do with them. Ecology may require analyses of these samples before allowing the work to resume.
 - d. In the event of a discharge of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters, or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters, containment and cleanup efforts shall begin immediately and be completed as soon as possible, taking precedence over normal work. Cleanup shall include proper disposal of any spilled material and used cleanup materials.
 - e. Immediately notify Ecology's 24-Hour Spill Response Team at 1-800-258-5990, **and** within 24 hours of spills or other events Ecology's 401/CZM Federal permit coordinator at (360) 407-6076.
 - f. Submit a detailed written report to Ecology within five (5) days that describes the nature of the event, corrective action taken and/or planned, steps to be taken to prevent a recurrence, results of any samples taken, and any other pertinent information.
3. Fuel hoses, oil drums, oil or fuel transfer valves and fittings, etc., shall be checked regularly for drips or leaks, and shall be maintained and stored properly to prevent spills into state waters, including wetlands.
 4. If at any time during work the proponent finds buried chemical containers, such as drums, or any unusual conditions indicating disposal of chemicals, the proponent shall immediately notify Ecology using the above phone numbers.

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

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You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

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Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel RD SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions about this Order to:

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MORE INFORMATION

Pollution Control Hearings Board Website

www.eho.wa.gov/Boards_PCHB.aspx

Chapter 43.21B RCW - Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office -- Pollution Control Hearings Board

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B>

Chapter 371-08 WAC -- Practice and Procedure

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=371-08>

Chapter 34.05 RCW -- Administrative Procedure Act

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05>

Chapter 90.48 RCW -- Water Pollution Control

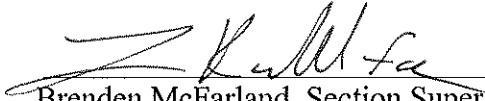
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Chapter 173-201A WAC -- Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington

www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/wac173201A.html

SIGNATURE

Dated July 21, 2016 in Olympia, WA.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenden McFarland", is written over a horizontal line.

Brenden McFarland, Section Supervisor
Environmental Review and Transportation Section
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program
Headquarters

In The Matter of Granting a Water Quality
Certification with Conditions (WQC) to Port of Ilwaco
pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW
90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC

Port of Ilwaco
ATTN: Tina Hayes
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WQC Order No.	13270, First Amendment
Corps Reference No.	NWP-2004-78-5
Site Location	Ilwaco Boat Basin Maintenance Dredge project located within Baker Bay, Ilwaco, Pacific County, Washington.

On 7/21/2016 the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a 401 Water Quality Certification to the Port of Ilwaco for the above-referenced project pursuant to the provisions of 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401).

Ecology received a request 2/7/2025, to extend the in-water work window to allow completion of the 2025 maintenance dredge cycle.

WQC Order No. 13270, dated 7/21/2016 is hereby amended as follows:

I. Condition E.2. which reads:

All in-water work shall be completed by during the work window of November 1 through February 28th as identified in the most current Biological Opinion (BO) dated July 13, 2016. Any change that requires a new or revised BO should also be sent to Ecology for review.

Is replaced with:

All in-water work shall be completed by during the work window of November 1 through March 8, 2025. For the 2026 dredging season work can be conduct between November 1 through February 15th. The Port of Ilwaco will need to request a new Section 401 Water Quality Certification for any work past July 21, 2026.

No other conditions or requirements of the above referenced Order are affected by this amendment.

Ecology retains continuing jurisdiction to make modifications hereto through supplemental order, if it appears necessary to further protect the public interest.

Failure to comply with this amended Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions whether administrative or judicial, to enforce the terms of this amended Order.

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- **Chapter 43.21B RCW - Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office – Pollution Control Hearings Board**
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B>
- **Chapter 371-08 WAC – Practice and Procedure**
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=371-08>
- **Chapter 34.05 RCW – Administrative Procedure Act**
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05>

Signature

Dated this 14th day of February 2025 at the Department of Ecology, Lacey, Washington.



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