

# DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

#### **Northwest Region Office**

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September 8, 2025

Steven Demmert 235 North Sunset Drive Camano Island, WA 98282

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Demmert Bulkhead

Replacement (Corps No. NWS-2024-1002), Saratoga Passage, Camano Island, Island

County, Washington

#### Dear Steven Demmert:

On January 21, 2025, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. Ecology issued a 21-day public notice on April 18, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Steven Demmert's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

On June 27, 2025, Steven Demmert and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM review period until January 21, 2026, in order for Steven Demmert to obtain a 401 Water Quality Certification.

This project proposes to remove an existing 80-foot rockery revetment and install a replacement concrete bulkhead 1 foot waterward of the existing revetment along 80 linear feet. The existing riprap would be removed and stockpiled within a 25- to 30-foot work zone in the upper intertidal to be used as backfill landward of the replacement bulkhead. A small excavator would be used to dismantle the rockery armoring and to remove rubble from a previously existing concrete bulkhead remaining onsite. Excavation would occur to construct the new footing of the concrete bulkhead. The new bulkhead would be constructed using concrete poured in place into sealed forms. Concrete would be fully cured before allowing contact with water. Once the concrete bulkhead is installed, riprap boulders would be placed back against the embankment landward of the installed bulkhead. A concrete bulkhead previously existed onsite 7.5 feet waterward of the proposed bulkhead face; however, the structure failed in 2021 following a previous storm and temporary rockery was added to

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prevent further erosion onsite. While the replacement concrete bulkhead would be installed 1 foot waterward of the existing rock, it would be installed 7 feet landward of the previous concrete bulkhead face. Remains of the failed bulkhead would be used to backfill behind the new concrete wall or removed from the site. Construction access would be by land at an access point 100 feet north of the project site. No machinery would be stored on the beach. Access to pour the cement and install the concrete bulkhead would be from the uplands. Once completed, an additional beach substrate would be placed for beach nourishment as required by Washington Dept of Fish and Wildlife. The purpose of the project is erosion protection.

The project site is located at 235 North Sunset Drive, Camano Island, Saratoga Passage, Island County, Washington.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Austin Schmalz at <u>Austin.Schmalz@ecy.wa.gov</u>.

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

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