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October 2, 2025

US Bureau of Reclamation
Attn: Marc Maynard
32 C St NW
Ephrata, Washington 98823

Re: Water Quality Certification Order No. **24018** (Corps No. **NWS-2025-0260**), Steamboat
Rock Shoreline Stabilization Project, Grant County, Washington

Dear Marc Maynard:

On March 17, 2025, US Bureau of Reclamation submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the Steamboat Rock Shoreline Stabilization Project, Grant County, Washington.

On behalf of the state of Washington, the Department of Ecology certifies with conditions that the work described in the Water Quality Certification Request and supplemental documents comply with applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, and applicable state laws. **This certification is subject to the enclosed Water Quality Certification Order (WQC Order).**

Please ensure that anyone doing work under this WQC Order has read, is familiar with, and is able to follow all of the provisions within the attached WQC Order.

If you have any questions about this decision, please contact Jake Madewell at (509) 437-0255 or Jake.Madewell@ecy.wa.gov. The enclosed WQC Order may be appealed by following the procedures described within.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Sikes, Section Manager
Eastern Region Office
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Enclosure (1)

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

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WQC Order No.	24018
Corps Reference No.	NWS-2025-0260
Site Location	Steamboat Rock Shoreline Stabilization Project located within Banks Lake, near Electric City, Grant County, Washington.

US Bureau of Reclamation submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the Steamboat Rock Shoreline Stabilization Project, Grant County, Washington. The required processing dates are listed below:

- On 11/22/2024, the US Bureau of Reclamation submitted a pre-filing meeting request.
- On 3/17/2025, Ecology received a request for Clean Water Section 401 Water Quality Certification.
- On 4/8/2025, US Bureau of Reclamation submitted additional information, and the Department of Ecology (Ecology) considered the request valid on this date.
- On 8/21/2025 the Corps notified Ecology that the applicant would proceed with a non-notifying NWP.
- On 6/13/2025, Ecology issued public notice for the project.
- Ecology's "Reasonable Period of Time" for this project has been established as 11/25/2025.

This project proposes to construct a shoreline stabilization project along a heavily eroded section of Banks Lake, located within Steamboat Rock State Park. Shoreline integrity has been impacted by erosion caused by wave action, water level fluctuations in the reservoir, and recreational users. The scope of this project is to stabilize approximately 0.4 miles (about 1.5 acres) of shoreline by placing void-filled riprap, topsoil, and vegetation to help protect the area from further impact. Riprap placement will not only help preserve and protect the shoreline but will also help reduce further erosion caused by wave action. Riprap was chosen as the preferred

alternative due to the effectiveness of shoreline stabilization it provides as well as discourage foot traffic and other recreational activities in the immediate area.

The project site is located at Steamboat Rock State Park, Banks Lake, Grant County, Washington, Section 01, Township 27 N., Range 29 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 42 - Grand Coulee.

With this WQC Order, Ecology is granting with conditions US Bureau of Reclamation's request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Steamboat Rock Shoreline Stabilization Project, provided that the activity is conducted in accordance with the Section 401 Water Quality Certification request and attachments Ecology received on 3/17/2025, and the following supporting documentation:

1. Water Quality Monitoring Plan received 4/8/2025.
2. SEPA DNS and Categorical Exclusion dated 8/22/2025.

Based on the information submitted, Ecology has determined that the discharge from the project will comply with state water quality requirements. Prior to undertaking any changes that materially alter the project, US Bureau of Reclamation must contact Ecology to determine whether a new Section 401 Water Quality Certification is required.

Issuance of this Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this proposal does not authorize US Bureau of Reclamation to exceed applicable state water quality standards (Chapter 173-201A WAC), ground water quality standards (Chapter 173-200 WAC), or sediment quality standards (Chapter 173-204 WAC). Furthermore, nothing in this Section 401 Water Quality Certification absolves the US Bureau of Reclamation from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters, or sediments resulting from project construction or operations.

Special Conditions:

1. WQC Order No. **24018** will remain valid until **12/31/2031**.
 - Justification – Certifications are required for any license or permit that authorizes an activity that may result in a discharge or fill material into waters. Ecology needs to be able to specify how long the WQC Order will be in effect.
 - Citation – Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
2. To transfer this WQC Order to a new owner or operator US Bureau of Reclamation shall:

- a. Complete a Request for Transfer of Order with a specific transfer date of the WQC Order's obligations, coverage, and liability and submit it to Ecology at fednotification@ecy.wa.gov and cc to Jake.Madewell@ecy.wa.gov. Link to form: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070695.html>;
 - b. Provide a copy of this WQC Order to the new owner or operator; and
 - c. The transfer is not considered valid until the US Bureau of Reclamation receives written notification from Ecology that the transfer has been approved.
 - Justification – Ecology has independent state authority to ensure protection of state water quality. Ecology needs to ensure that anyone conducting work at the project, including any new owners or operators, are aware of and understand the required conditions of this WQC Order to ensure compliance with the water quality standards and other applicable state laws.
 - Citation – 40 CFR 121.5, Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, Chapter 173-201A WAC, and WAC 173-225-010.
3. Any work that causes distressed or dying fish or discharges of oil, fuel, or other chemicals into state waters or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters is prohibited. If such work, conditions, or discharges occur, immediately notify Ecology's Regional Spill Response Office at 360-407-6300 and the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife with the nature and details of the problem, any actions taken to correct the problem, and any proposed changes in operation to prevent further problems. You will also need to notify the Washington Emergency Management Division at 1-800-258-5990, for spills to water only. This condition is necessary to prevent oil and other hazardous materials spills from causing environmental damage and to ensure compliance with water quality requirements. The sooner a spill is reported, the quicker it can be addressed, resulting in less harm.
- Justification - This condition is necessary to prevent oil and hazardous materials spills from causing environmental damage and to ensure compliance with water quality requirements. The sooner a spill is reported, the quicker it can be addressed, resulting in less harm. Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
 - Citation - Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, Chapter 90.56 RCW, RCW 90.56.280, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, WAC 173-225-010, and WAC 173-303-145.

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, this WQC is granted with conditions to the US Bureau of Reclamation for the Steamboat Rock Shoreline Stabilization Project.

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, in paper form, by mail, or in person (see addresses below). E-mail is not accepted.

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

Filing an appeal with the PCHB:

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://eluhwa.wa.gov> or call: 360-664-9160.

Address and Location Information

Street Address:

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Mailing Address:

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
PO Box 47608
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

E-Mail Address:

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Americans with Disabilities Act Information

Accommodation Requests

To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at 360-407-6831 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. People with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

Contact Information

Please direct all questions about this WQC Order to:

Jake Madewell

Department of Ecology

(509) 437-0255

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More Information

- **Pollution Control Hearings Board Website**
<https://elaho.wa.gov>
- **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>
- **Chapter 90.48 RCW – Water Pollution Control**
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.48>
- **Chapter 173.204 WAC – Sediment Management Standards**
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-204>

- **Chapter 173-200 WAC – Water Quality Standards for Ground Waters of the State of Washington**
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-200>
- **Chapter 173-201A WAC – Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington**
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-201A>

Signature

Dated this 2nd day of October 2025 at the Department of Ecology, Spokane, Washington.



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