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October 16, 2025

United States Department of Commerce
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
National Ocean Service
ATTN: Emily Newman
Office of Response & Restoration
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for the NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP) Grant - Puget Sound and Columbia River project, Puget Sound, Jefferson and Snohomish Counties, Washington

Dear Emily Newman:

On August 21, 2025, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) submitted a Consistency Determination with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP). Ecology issued a 21-day public notice on August 29, 2025.

NOAA is proposing to provide federal funding to the Washington Department of Natural Resources to remove abandoned derelict vessels (ADV) from four locations in Washington. These ADVs were previously owned and auctioned by the federal government and now pose environmental and human health risks. All vessels are either sunken or partially submerged.

The ADVs include:

- An 83-ft Coast Guard Cutter, which sank in Port Townsend Bay in 2023 in an area currently used as an anchorage.
- The 101-ft O&M No. 1, a former Navy seaplane wrecking derrick that was abandoned on the shore of a Snohomish River slough.
- The 110-ft WW2 sub-chaser which sank in 2022 in Willow Grove, a side channel of the mainstem Columbia River and is slowly shifting towards the navigation channel, creating a safety hazard.
- The 65-ft Naiad II, a wooden vessel that was tied to a dock in shallow waters of the Lewis River where it grounded at low tide.

The WW2 sub-chaser and the Naiad II are located outside of Washington's coastal zone.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with NOAA's determination that providing funding for the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP. Ecology's concurrence is for the general release of funding by NOAA only. If the proposed activity requires the federal funding recipient to obtain a federal permit or license subject to 15 CFR Part 930 Subpart D of the federal consistency regulations, that action requires a separate CZM federal consistency decision from Ecology for the action to be completed under Subpart D.

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

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

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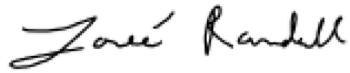
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loree' Randall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

Sent via e-mail: emily.d.newman@noaa.gov

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