

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT WASTEWATER PERMIT

Permit No.: WA0029556

Applicant: Birch Bay Water and Sewer District
Wastewater Treatment Plant
7096 Point Whitehorn Road
Birch Bay, Whatcom County

The Birch Bay Water and Sewer District has reapplied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 173-220 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and the Federal Clean Water Act. The treated wastewater must meet the requirements of the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act and applicable regulations. The Department of Ecology has developed a draft permit with conditions that must be met to allow discharges of treated domestic wastewater into the Strait of Georgia, part of the Salish Sea. This draft permit includes new nutrient control requirements.

A tentative determination has been made on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. Ecology will make a final determination after evaluating all timely comments received in response to this notice.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit, fact sheet, application and related documents may be viewed at the Department of Ecology website: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/DocumentSearch.aspx> by entering permit number WA0029556. Due to the existing Stay Home, Stay Healthy order and associated building closures, these documents are not available for in-person viewing at this time. To request a hard copy please call (425) 649-7000.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted within 45 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination.

Comments should be submitted using Ecology's eComments portal:
<http://wq.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=gi6Pr>

Comments may also be emailed to tricia.miller@ecy.wa.gov or sent to:

Water Quality Permit Coordinator
Department of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office
3190 - 160th Avenue SE
Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 45 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. For Washington Relay Service or TTY call 711 or 877-833-6341 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>

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