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January 29, 2021

Dan Eisses, General Manager  
Birch Bay Water and Sewer District  
7096 Point Whitehorn Road  
Blaine, WA 98230

Re: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)  
Birch Bay Water and Sewer District; Permit No. WA0029556

Dear Dan Eisses:

Under Chapter 90.48 RCW and the Clean Water Act, the enclosed NPDES Permit is being issued to the Birch Bay Water and Sewer District located at 7096 Point Whitehorn Road, Blaine, WA. The permit authorizes the Permittee to discharge treated domestic wastewater into the Georgia Strait subject to the terms and conditions of the permit.

The Department of Ecology, in response to the passage of Initiative 97 in 1988, has adopted a regulation to recover costs associated with issuing and administering wastewater discharge permits (Chapter 173-224 WAC). The annual fee for both industrial and municipal/domestic discharges is computed according to the permit fee schedules contained in WAC 173-224-040. Ecology will notify permit holders of fee charges by mailed billing statements.

You have the right to appeal this permit within thirty (30) days upon receipt of this document. Complete details about appealing the permit are in Appendix B of the permit fact sheet. Pursuant to chapter 43.21B RCW, your appeal must be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, and served on the Department of Ecology, within thirty (30) days of the date of your receipt of this document.

If you choose to appeal this action or decision, you must comply with the requirements of WAC 371-08-340.

Your appeal must be filed with:  
The Pollution Control Hearings Board  
P.O. Box 40903  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0903

Your appeal must also be served on:  
The Department of Ecology  
Appeals Coordinator  
P.O. Box 47608  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7608.

In addition, please send a courtesy copy of your appeal to:

Steve Hood  
Department of Ecology  
Bellingham Field Office  
913 Squalicum Way, Ste 101  
Bellingham, WA 98225

An application for permit renewal must be made at least 180 days prior to the expiration date of this permit. If at any time during the term of this permit a question should arise regarding the permit or discharge, or if there is a significant change in the discharge or operation, please contact Steve Hood at (360) 255-4396 or by email at [steve.hood@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:steve.hood@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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Northwest Regional Office

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