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May 19, 2021

Patrick Hulett  
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife  
804 Allen Street, Suite 3  
Kelso, WA 98626

Re: Entity Review for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number  
WA0040053, WDFW Lower Deep River Salmon Net Pens

Dear Patrick Hulett:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has completed processing your NPDES permit application. Enclosed for your review are a draft permit and fact sheet. The purpose of sharing these drafts with you at this time is to identify any **factual errors** to the fact sheet prior to the draft permit and fact sheet being released for public comment. Please submit written information on any factual errors you find in these documents no later than **15 days** from the date of this letter to Carey Cholski by email at [carey.cholski@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:carey.cholski@ecy.wa.gov) or by sending them to:

Carey Cholski  
Department of Ecology  
Southwest Regional Office – WQ  
PO Box 47775  
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If you would like to meet to discuss permit requirements, or if you have questions on permit requirements and their basis, please email Hiro Kusakabe at [hiro.kusakabe@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:hiro.kusakabe@ecy.wa.gov), or call at (360) 407-6286 (office) or (360) 810-1340 (cell).

Ecology plans to start the formal public comment period on your draft permit approximately 30 days after the date of this letter. At that time, you will receive a copy of the public review draft permit and fact sheet. You should carefully review the draft documents and submit comments during the 30-day public review period.

Following the 30-day public review period, Ecology will consider all comments received; we will then prepare a final permit and responsiveness summary to all comments received. The responsiveness summary will become an appendix to the fact sheet which accompanies the final permit. Changes may be made to the draft permit as a result of the public review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carey Cholski".

Carey Cholski  
Permit Administrator  
Water Quality Program  
Southwest Regional Office

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Enclosures

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