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August 18, 2021

Kelly Susewind
WA Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) Director
Sent by Email only

Re: Reissuance of the Uplands Finfish Hatching and Rearing General Permit and Permit Coverage for Your Facilities

Dear Kelly Susewind:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is reissuing the Uplands Finfish Hatching and Rearing General Permit to be effective starting on October 1, 2021. You can find and review the new permit, fact sheet, permit forms, and other information at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Upland-fin-fish-permit>. Please read the permit carefully. There are changes such as new monitoring requirements, plan submittals, and facility modification reporting just to mention a few but there are others. As a Permittee, you are legally obligated to comply with this permit's terms and conditions.

Ecology received your Notice of Intent applications for continued coverage under this general permit in the fall of 2020. Your facilities' permit coverage will be effective on October 1, 2021. Please review your permit requirements for all your facilities at the above link. This letter indicates the issuance of permit coverage for the following hatchery facilities:

Hatchery	Permit Number	Ecology Region	Fish Production ^a (lbs)
Arlington Hatchery	WAG133009	Northwest	67,000
Beaver Creek Hatchery	WAG131027	Southwest	48,926
Bellingham Hatchery	WAG994275	Northwest	19,500
Bingham Creek Hatchery	WAG131022	Southwest	74,629
Bogachiel Hatchery	WAG131051	Southwest	40,000
Chambers Creek Hatchery	WAG131055	Southwest	17,000
Chelan Falls Rearing Facility Hatchery	WAG137019	Central	40,000
Chelan Hatchery	WAG135006	Central	42,000
Chiwawa Ponds	WAG135015	Central	34,600
Columbia Basin Hatchery	WAG137010	Eastern	28,037
Cottonwood Acclimation Pond	WAG137005	Eastern	50,000
Coulter Creek Hatchery	WAG131012	Southwest	28,000
Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery	WAG131021	Southwest	323,608
Cowlitz Trout Hatchery	WAG131034	Southwest	226,042

Curl Lake Acclimation Pond	WAG137018	Eastern	21,450
Dayton Acclimation Pond	WAG994492	Eastern	33,333
Dryden Pond	WAG135014	Central	46,000
Dungeness Hatchery	WAG131037	Southwest	60,000
Eastbank Hatchery	WAG135011	Central	67,000
Eells Springs Hatchery	WAG131047	Southwest	179,000
Elwha Hatchery	WAG131043	Southwest	58,600
Fallert Creek Hatchery	WAG131053	Southwest	84,000
Forks Creek Hatchery	WAG131049	Southwest	92,221
Garrison Springs Hatchery	WAG131018	Southwest	13,000
George Adams Hatchery	WAG131019	Southwest	63,372
Goldendale Hatchery	WAG135001	Central	61,731
Grays River Hatchery	WAG131015	Southwest	35,000
Hoodsport Hatchery	WAG131011	Southwest	73,780
Humtulpis Hatchery	WAG131048	Southwest	85,394
Icy Creek	WAG133013	Northwest	41,000
Issaquah Hatchery	WAG133010	Northwest	49,887
Kalama Falls Hatchery	WAG131039	Southwest	78,000
Kendall Creek Hatchery	WAG133007	Northwest	70,000
Lake Aberdeen Hatchery	WAG131033	Southwest	42,874
Lakewood Hatchery	WAG131030	Southwest	40,000
Lewis River Hatchery	WAG131040	Southwest	256,000
Lyons Ferry Hatchery	WAG137006	Eastern	173,220
Marblemount Hatchery	WAG133015	Northwest	84,700
McKernan State Hatchery	WAG131036	Southwest	26,590
Merwin Hatchery	WAG131052	Southwest	62,963
Minter Creek Hatchery	WAG131024	Southwest	51,500
Mossyrock Hatchery	WAG131013	Southwest	57,120
Naches Hatchery	WAG135003	Central	27,000
Naselle Hatchery	WAG131020	Southwest	122,310
Nemah Hatchery	WAG131025	Southwest	31,228
North Toutle Hatchery	WAG131010	Southwest	30,000
Palmer Ponds	WAG133002	Northwest	57,000
Priest Rapids Hatchery	WAG137013	Eastern	160,957
Reiter Ponds	WAG133005	Northwest	49,000
Ringold Springs Hatchery	WAG137009	Eastern	105,000
Samish Hatchery	WAG133011	Northwest	65,000
Satsop Springs Hatchery	WAG131023	Southwest	49,500
Similkameen Hatchery	WAG135007	Central	33,700
Skamania Hatchery	WAG131026	Southwest	58,882
Skookumchuck Hatchery	WAG131042	Southwest	74,727
Sol Duc Hatchery	WAG131045	Southwest	85,250
Soos Creek Hatchery	WAG133014	Northwest	37,000
Speelyai Hatchery	WAG131041	Southwest	56,293
Spokane Hatchery	WAG137007	Eastern	80,354

Tokul Creek Hatchery	WAG133004	Northwest	37,760
Tucannon Hatchery	WAG137017	Eastern	54,375
Vancouver Hatchery	WAG131032	Southwest	28,769
Wallace River Hatchery	WAG133006	Northwest	100,297
Washougal Hatchery	WAG131044	Southwest	160,478
Whitehorse Ponds	WAG133008	Northwest	60,000

^a Production for NPDES general permit coverage is defined as the maximum amount in pounds of fish on station in any one month

Facility-Specific Coverage Page (see enclosure)

Retain this letter and the attached facility-specific coverage page as an official record of permit coverage being issued to each of your facilities. Once the permit is effective, as per permit requirements, you must have copies of this letter, the facility-specific coverage page, and the permit on site at each hatchery facility.

The facility-specific coverage page specifies the coverage being issued, which includes the maximum fish production. Please review all of the information on each facility-specific coverage page and the requirements and conditions of your coverage contained in the general permit.

Electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports

This permit continues to require you to submit electronic discharge monitoring reports. They are still submitted electronically using Ecology's secure online portal, WQWebDMR, as they were in the last permit. Find step by step instructions on how to register to use the WQWebDMR portal and see a User Guide at www.ecology.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/paris/webdmr.html. For questions, contact portal staff at (800) 633-6193, option 3, or via email at WQWebPortal@ecy.wa.gov.

Permit Fees

Your permit annual fee is computed based on the permit fee schedules contained in Chapter 173-224 WAC. You will continue to receive fee invoices. Please contact Ligeia Heagy by email at Ligeia.Heagy@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 407-6425, with any fee related questions.

Appeal Process

You have a right to appeal coverage under the general permit to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB). Appeals must be filed within 30 days of the date of receipt of this letter. Any appeal is limited to the general permit's applicability or non-applicability to a specific discharger. 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). For more information regarding your right to appeal, go to <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/summarypages/1710007.html> to view Ecology's Focus Sheet: Appeal of General Permit Coverage.

Questions or Additional Information

Ecology is here to help. If you have questions regarding updating the legal responsible party, the organization or business, and other contact information, permit forms, transfers, terminations, and modifications for production or construction, or hatchery specific requirements and conditions, please contact either the general permit writer, Laurie Niewolny, by email at laurie.niewolny@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 584-8852, or your Ecology facility manager. You can find the current facility manager for a specific hatchery at the website under "Regional contacts for help with your permit" at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Upland-finish-permit>.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Kolosseus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Enclosures

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