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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 |

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| 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 |
| Humtulsips 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 |

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| 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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