

**NOTICE:       ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT WASTEWATER PERMIT MODIFICATION**

**PERMIT NO.:**   WA0030597

**APPLICANT:**   Skagit County Sewer District No 2  
Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant  
17079 Highway State Route 9  
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is modifying the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Skagit County Sewer District No. 2 – Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 173-220 Washington Administrative Code, and the Federal Clean Water Act. The permit is being modified to remove monitoring and reporting requirements related to total nitrogen, as Ecology now regulates nutrients under the Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit. The modification also updates contact information for Ecology's Northwest Regional Office.

A tentative determination has been made on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION**

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit modification. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

Water Quality Permit Coordinator  
Department of Ecology  
Northwest Regional Office  
PO Box 330316  
Shoreline, WA 98133-9716  
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The draft modified permit and fact sheet addendum may be viewed at the Department of Ecology website: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/DocumentSearch.aspx> by entering permit number WA0030597. These documents are also available at Ecology's Northwest Regional Office, by appointment only, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, weekdays. To schedule an appointment to view copies, call 206-594-0000, or email [nwro\\_public\\_request@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nwro_public_request@ecy.wa.gov).

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