



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

**GENERAL NOTICE OF EXPEDITED COST-REIMBURSEMENT PROCESSING
OF WATER RIGHT APPLICATION FOR CHANGE**

TAKE NOTICE:

That the City of Blaine (Blaine) in partnership with Birch Bay Water & Sewer District (BBWSD), on February 1, 2011, entered into an expedited cost-reimbursement agreement with the Department of Ecology (Ecology). This cost-reimbursement agreement will provide for the processing, by Ecology, of one water right application for change for Blaine. This application for change to Ground Water Certificate 5917-A is a request to add well 8.1 as an additional point of withdrawal (POW). The currently authorized POW is well 7.

The following scope of work details each element of the project:

- Review of application materials (maps, consultant reports, etc.)
- Performance of research regarding the body of public groundwater and existing rights in the area
- Preparation of a draft Report of Examination (ROE) containing the following information:
 - Legal requirements for application processing
 - Background information about the project
 - Investigation information regarding other existing rights in the vicinity, the existing rights held by Blaine, comments supplied by the Lummi Indian Business Council and the Department of Fish & Wildlife, local geology, area hydrogeology, etc.
 - An analysis to determine if the currently authorized POW (well 7) is in the same body of public groundwater as the requested additional POW (well 8.1)
 - An analysis to determine if other existing water users will be impaired
 - A determination of whether or not water is physically available from the additional POW
 - A determination of whether or not there is potential for detriment to the public interest

- Development of provisions of use (if the application is to be approved)
- Conclusions and recommendations to the regional section manager
- In-house review of the draft ROE
- Revisions made (if necessary) and final draft ROE produced
- Final draft ROE is posted on Ecology's Draft Report of Examination Website for a 30 day public comment period
- Following 30 day comment period, final ROE is issued

The total estimated cost for processing this application is \$6,155.00. Blaine (in partnership with BBWSD) will bear the entire cost of processing. Project completion is anticipated to occur by June 30, 2011. There are no competing water right change applications located in the same body of public groundwater.

For information regarding this cost-reimbursement agreement, please contact:

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