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June 5, 2013

Mr. Joe Frank Foggia  
Christensen Shipyards  
4400 SE Columbia Way  
Vancouver WA 98661

Re: Water Quality Certification - Order #9937/Corps Public Notice # NWS-2006-576 – for maintenance dredging to be done at Christensen Shipyards in Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

Dear Mr. Foggia:

The above-referenced public notice for proposed work in waters of the state has been reviewed in accordance with all pertinent rules and regulations. On behalf of the State of Washington, we certify that the work proposed in the public notice complies with applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, and other appropriate requirements of State law. This certification is subject to the conditions contained in the enclosed Order and may be appealed by following the procedures described in the Order.

If you have any questions concerning the content of this letter, please contact Helen Pressley at (360) 407-6076.

Sincerely,

Brenden McFarland, Section Manager  
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State of Washington

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Enclosure

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<b>IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A</b>	)	<b>ORDER #9937</b>
<b>WATER QUALITY</b>	)	<b>Corps Reference No. NWS-2006-576</b>
<b>CERTIFICATION TO</b>	)	Maintenance dredging of up to 10,000 cubic
<b>Christensen Shipyards Inc.</b>	)	yards of sediment from the marina access
in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1341	)	channel and dispose of the sediment in the
(FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW	)	flowlane of the Columbia River between river
90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC	)	mile 108.2 and 108.3 in Vancouver, Clark
	)	County, Washington

TO: Christensen Shipyards, Ltd.  
 Attention: Mr. Joe Frank Foggia  
 4400 SE Columbia Way  
 Vancouver WA 98661

On May 2, 2012 Christensen Shipyards submitted a Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) requesting a Section 401 Water Quality Certification. A joint public notice regarding the request was distributed by the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for the above-referenced project pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 173-225 WAC on June 15, 2012.

Dredge up to a total of 10,000 cubic yards (cy) of accreted sediment from the Christensen Shipyards Ltd access channel and dispose of the material in the Columbia River between river miles 108.2 and 108.3 over a 5 year period. Dredging will take place using a clamshell dredge and material will be transported by bottom dump barge. The proposed dredging would achieve a target depth of -10 feet (ft) Columbia River Datum (CRD).

**AUTHORITIES:**

In exercising authority under 33 U.S.C. § 1341, RCW 90.48.120, and RCW 90.48.260, Ecology has examined this application pursuant to the following:

1. Conformance with applicable water quality-based, technology-based, and toxic or pretreatment effluent limitations as provided under 33 U.S.C. §1311, 1312, 1313, 1316, and 1317 (FWPCA § 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307);
2. Conformance with the state water quality standards contained in Chapter 173-201A WAC and authorized by 33 U.S.C. §1313 and by Chapter 90.48 RCW, and with other applicable state laws; and
3. Conformance with the provision of using all known, available and reasonable methods to prevent and control pollution of state waters as required by RCW 90.48.010.

## **WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION CONDITIONS:**

Through issuance of this Order, Ecology certifies that it has reasonable assurance that the activity as proposed and conditioned will be conducted in a manner that will meet the applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements of state law. In view of the foregoing and in accordance with 33 U.S.C. § 1341, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-200 WAC and Chapter 173-201A WAC, water quality certification is granted to the Applicant subject to the conditions within this Order.

Certification of this proposal does not authorize the Applicant to exceed applicable state water quality standards (Chapter 173-201A WAC), ground water standards (Chapter 173-200 WAC) or sediment quality standards (Chapter 173-204 WAC). Furthermore, nothing in this certification shall absolve the Applicant from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters or sediments occurring as a result of project construction or operations.

### **A. General Conditions:**

1. For purposes of this Order, the term "Applicant" shall mean Christensen Shipyards Ltd. and its agents, assignees and contractors.
2. For purposes of this Order, all submittals required by its conditions shall be sent to Ecology's Headquarters Office, Attn: 401 Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600 and/or hpre461@ecy.wa.gov. Any submittals shall reference Order #9937 and Corps Reference # NWS-2006-576.
3. Work authorized by this Order is limited to the work described in the Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) received by Ecology on May 2, 2012. The Applicant will be out of compliance with this Order and must submit an updated JARPA if the information contained in the JARPA is voided by subsequent changes to the project not authorized by this Order.
4. Within 30 days of receipt of an updated JARPA, Ecology will determine if the revised project requires a new water quality certification and public notice or if a modification to this Order is required.
5. This Order shall be rescinded if the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does not issue an individual 404 and/or Section 10 permit for the project.
6. Copies of this Order shall be kept on the job site and readily available for reference by Ecology personnel, the construction superintendent, construction managers and lead workers, and state and local government inspectors.

7. The Applicant shall provide access to the project site upon request by Ecology personnel for site inspections, monitoring, necessary data collection, and/or to ensure that conditions of this Order are being met.
8. Nothing in this Order waives Ecology's authority to issue additional orders if Ecology determines that further actions are necessary to implement the water quality laws of the state. Furthermore, Ecology retains continuing jurisdiction to make modifications hereto through supplemental order, if additional impacts due to project construction or operation are identified or if additional conditions are necessary to further protect water quality.
9. The Applicant shall ensure that all appropriate project engineers and contractors at the project site have read and understand relevant conditions of this Order and all permits, approvals, and documents referenced in this Order. The Applicant shall provide Ecology a signed statement (see Attachment A for an example) from each project engineer and contractor that they have read and understand the conditions of this Order and the above-referenced permits, plans, documents and approvals. These statements shall be provided to Ecology before construction begins at the project.
10. This Order does not authorize direct, indirect, permanent, or temporary impacts to waters of the state or related aquatic resources, except as specifically provided for in conditions of this Order.
11. Failure of any person or entity to comply with this Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions, whether administrative or judicial, to enforce its terms.

**B. Water Quality Conditions:**

1. This order does not authorize temporary exceedances of water quality standards beyond the limits established in WAC 173-201A-200(1)(e)(i)(C).
  - The area of mixing established for fresh waters at the point of compliance shall be three hundred feet downstream of the activity causing the turbidity exceedance. Turbidity occurring outside that zone that is more than 5 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) over background when the background is 50 NTU or less, or a 10% increase in turbidity when the background turbidity is more than 50 NTU is a violation of the turbidity water quality standard.
  - Visible turbidity anywhere at the 300 foot point of compliance from the activity and/or the disposal location shall be considered to be an exceedance of the standard.

**C. Water Quality Monitoring:**

1. The Applicant shall submit a water quality monitoring plan to Ecology per Condition A2 at least 14 days prior to dredging. This plan shall be approved by Ecology prior to any in-water work. The plan shall include at a minimum the following information:
  - a. Name and contact information of the person or firm responsible for monitoring;
  - b. Map of sample locations including background, at 300 feet, early warning at 150 feet, and the point of compliance at or near the surface, midway, and bottom depths. For this project the point of compliance is a radius of 300 feet from the in water activity.
  - c. Parameter to be monitored: turbidity
  - d. Sample method;
  - e. Frequency, and
  - f. Steps to be taken if monitoring results indicate an exceedance has occurred. The amount of the exceedance and the reason for the exceedance shall also be reported.
2. Turbidity monitoring reports shall be sent weekly to the 401 Federal Permit Coordinator. The permit coordinator shall be contacted within 24 hours if an exceedance occurs.

**D. Dredging and Disposal:**

1. All dredging is to be done using a clamshell dredge. **Use of any other type of dredge requires preapproval from Ecology.**
2. All dredged material will be taken via bottom dump barge to the flowlane between river mile 108.2 and 108.3 and disposed of there. **Use of any other type of disposal method or location requires preapproval by Ecology.**
3. For material being taken to open water disposal sites, all debris (larger than 2 feet in any dimension) shall be removed from the dredged sediment prior to disposal. Similar sized debris found floating in the dredging or disposal area shall also be removed.
4. Dredging operations shall be conducted in a manner that minimizes the disturbance or siltation of adjacent waters and prevents the accidental discharge of petroleum products, chemicals or other toxic or deleterious substances into waters of the State.
5. Dredged material shall not be stockpiled on a temporary or permanent basis below the ordinary high water line.
6. During dredging, the Applicant shall have a boat available on site at all times to retrieve debris from the water.
7. A pre-dredge meeting is required to be convened prior to the start of dredging. A **Dredging Plan** is required and shall be submitted to Ecology to the 401 Federal Permit

Coordinator at the address shown in Condition A2 for review and approval 2 weeks prior to the pre-construction meeting.

8. Prior to each dredging cycle, the Applicant shall contact the DMMP agencies to determine whether additional sediment testing is required. If additional testing is required, no dredging or disposal shall be conducted until the material has been tested and a suitability determination has been issued. This area ranks low in potential for contamination and the recency determination extends until September 2019. Contact the DMMO for a possible extension on this permit if necessary.

**E. Timing Requirements:**

1. All in-water work shall be completed by the work window identified in the most current HPA issued for this project. Any project change that requires a new or revised HPA should also be sent to Ecology for review.
2. This Order shall remain in effect for a period of 5 years from the issuance of the Corps permit. Continuing this project beyond the 5 year term of this Order will require separate certifications every 5 years.

**F. Reporting and Notification Requirements:**

1. The Applicant shall provide to Ecology's 401 Federal Permit Coordinator a copy of the final Corps permit within 2 weeks of receipt of the permit. A copy shall be submitted per condition A2 above.
2. The Applicant shall provide notice to Ecology's 401 Federal Permit Coordinator at least 7 days prior to the start of dredging each dredging season and within 14 days after completion of dredging each season. Notification should be made using all the information required in Condition A2.

**G. Emergency/Contingency Measures:**

1. The Applicant shall develop a spill prevention and containment plan for this project, and shall have spill cleanup materials and an emergency call list available on site.
2. Any work that is out of compliance with the provisions of this Order, or conditions causing distressed or dying fish, or any discharge of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters, or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters, is prohibited. If these occur, the Applicant or operator shall immediately take the following actions:
  - a. Cease operations that are causing the compliance problem.
  - b. Assess the cause of the water quality problem and take appropriate measures to correct the problem and/or prevent further environmental damage.

- c. In the event of finding distressed or dying fish, the applicant shall collect fish specimens and water samples in the affected area within the first hour of the event. These samples shall be held in refrigeration or on ice until the applicant is instructed by Ecology on what to do with them. Ecology may require analyses of these samples before allowing the work to resume.
  - d. In the event of a discharge of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters, or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters, containment and cleanup efforts shall begin immediately and be completed as soon as possible, taking precedence over normal work. Cleanup shall include proper disposal of any spilled material and used cleanup materials.
  - e. Immediately notify Ecology's 24-Hour Spill Response Team at 1-800-258-5990, **and** within 24 hours of spills or other events Ecology's 401 Federal Permit Coordinator at (360) 407-6076.
  - f. Submit a detailed written report to Ecology within five (5) days that describes the nature of the event, corrective action taken and/or planned, steps to be taken to prevent a recurrence, results of any samples taken, and any other pertinent information.
3. Fuel hoses, oil drums, oil or fuel transfer valves and fittings, etc., shall be checked regularly for drips or leaks, and shall be maintained and stored properly to prevent spills into state waters, including wetlands.
  4. If at any time during work the proponent finds buried chemical containers, such as drums, or any unusual conditions indicating disposal of chemicals, the proponent shall immediately notify Ecology using the above phone numbers.

## **YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL**

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order. 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).

To appeal you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order:

- File your appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this Order on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

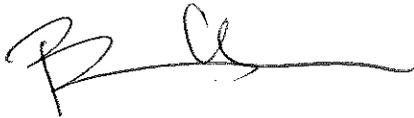
You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

**ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION**

<b>Street Addresses</b>	<b>Mailing Addresses</b>
<p><b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503</p> <p><b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> 1111 Israel RD SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501</p>	<p><b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608</p> <p><b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903</p>

**SIGNATURE**

Dated this June 5, 2013 at the Department of Ecology, Lacey Washington



Brenden McFarland, Section Manager  
Shorelands & Environmental Assistance Program  
Headquarters Office – Ecology  
State of Washington



**ATTACHMENT A**

**Christensen Shipyards Ltd  
Christensen Shipyards Maintenance Dredge 2013  
Water Quality Certification Order #9937**

**Statement of Understanding of  
Water Quality Certification Conditions**

I have read and understand the conditions of Order #9937 Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Christensen Shipyards Maintenance Dredge 2013. I have also read and understand all permits, plans, documents, and approvals associated with the project referenced in this order.

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Signature

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Date

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Print Name

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Company

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