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July 14, 2014

Birch Bay Village Community Club
Attn: Ken Hoffer
3608055 Cowichan Road
Blaine WA 98230

RE: Water Quality Certification Order No. 10760 for Corps Public Notice No. **NWS-2014-00198**, Birch Bay Village Community Marina Maintenance Dredge, in Whatcom County, Washington

Dear Mr. Hoffer:

On March 17, 2014, the Birch Bay Village Community Club submitted a Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (401 Certification) under the federal Clean Water Act at Birch Bay Village Community Marina Maintenance Dredge, Whatcom County, Washington.

The Applicant proposes to dredge 4 times over a period of 10 years. The volume of the dredged material during each dredging event shall not be more than 2,000 cubic yards (cy) for a total of not more than 8,000 cy over 10 years.

On behalf of the State of Washington, Ecology certifies that the work described in the JARPA and the public notice complies with applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act, as amended and applicable state laws. This certification is subject to the conditions contained in the enclosed Order.

If you have any questions, please contact Helen Pressley at 360) 407-6076. The enclosed Order may be appealed by following the procedures described in the Order.

Sincerely,

Lorie Karkell for

Brenden McFarland, Section Manager
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Headquarters

Enclosure

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IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION TO The Birch Bay Village Community Club in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1341 - +WPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC	))))))))	**ORDER #10760** **Corps Reference No. NWS-2014-00198** Dredging the marina entrance channel and disposal of sediment to be used beneficially by placement on the beach to the east of the marina entrance near Blaine, Whatcom County, Washington

TO: Birch Bay Village Community Club
Attn: Ken Hoffer
8055 Cowichan Road
Blaine WA 98230

On March 17, 2014 the Birch Bay Village Community Club 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 March 14, 2014.

The Applicant proposes to dredge 4 times over a period of 10 years. The volume of the dredged material during each dredging event shall not be more than 2,000 cubic yards (cy) for a total of not more than 8,000 cy over 10 years. Dredging will occur only in the outer portion of the entrance channel to the Birch Bay Village Community Club Marina. Dredged sediment shall be beneficially used as beach nourishment and to keep sediment in the longshore drift cell that parallels this stretch of shoreline. The sediment will be placed in a 200 foot (ft) berm on the east side of the channel entrance in a 70 ft by 200 ft area between tidal elevations of +6 ft and +12 ft Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

The purpose of this work is to maintain safe navigational depths for marina users.

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. In this Order, the term "Applicant" shall mean the Birch Bay Village Community Club and its agents, assignees and contractors.

2. All submittals required by this Order shall be sent to Ecology's Headquarters Office, Attn: Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600 and/or hpre461@ecy.wa.gov. Any submittals shall reference Order #10760 and Corps Reference # NWS-2014-00198.

3. All notifications listed below shall be made via phone to name of Helen Pressley, 360.407.6076, or e-mail at hpre461@ecy.wa.gov. These notifications shall be identified with Order #10760 and include the Applicant's name, the project contact, and the contact's phone number. This notification is due for every dredge event (a projected total of 4 events) covered by this permit.

    a. At least ten (10) days prior to conducting initial in-water work activities for each in-water work window.
    b. Within at least seven (7) days after completion of the in-water work.

4. Work authorized by this Order is limited to the work described in the Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) received by Ecology on March 17, 2014, unless otherwise authorized by Ecology.

5. The Applicant shall obtain Ecology review and approval before undertaking any changes to the proposed project that might significantly and adversely affect water quality, other than those project changes required by this Order.

6. Within 30 days of receipt of the updated information, Ecology will determine if the revised project requires a new public notice and Certification or if a modification to this Order is required.

7. 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.

8. The Applicant shall send (per A.2.) a copy of the final Section 404 Corps permit to the Ecology Federal Project Manager within two weeks of receiving it from the Corps.

9. The Applicant shall keep copies of this Order on the job site and readily available for reference by Ecology personnel, the dredging superintendent, dredging managers and lead workers, and state and local government inspectors.

10. Upon Ecology personnel's request, the Applicant shall provide access to the project site, all staging areas, and mitigation sites for site inspections, monitoring, necessary data collection, and/or to ensure that conditions of this Order are being met.

11. 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.

12. In the event of changes or amendments to the state water quality, ground water quality, or sediment standards, or changes in or amendments to the state Water Pollution Control Act (RCW 90.48), or the federal Clean Water Act, Ecology will issue an administrative order to incorporate any such changes or amendments applicable to this project.

13. 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.

14. This Order does not authorize direct, indirect, permanent, or temporary impacts to waters of the state (including wetlands) or related aquatic resources, except as specifically provided for in conditions of this Order.

15. 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.

16. This Order will automatically transfer to a new owner or operator if:

    a. A written agreement between the Applicant and new owner or operator with the specific transfer date of the Order's obligations, coverage, and liability is submitted to Ecology per condition A.2.;
    b. A copy of this Order is provided to the new owner or operator; and
    c. If Ecology does not notify the new Applicant that this Order must be modified to complete the transfer.

B. Water Quality Conditions:

1. This order does not authorize temporary exceedances of water quality standards beyond the limits established in WAC 173-201A-210(1)(e)(i).

    - The area of mixing established for this project is a 150 foot radius surrounding the in-water activity. 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 150 ft 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 proposed sample locations including background (500 ft upcurrent), early warning (100 ft downcurrent) and the point of compliance downcurrent at or near the surface, midway, and bottom depths. For this project the point of compliance

is a radius of 150 ft from the activity potentially causing a turbidity exceedance at either the dredging activity or the beach nourishment site.

c. Parameter(s) to be monitored: turbidity,
d. Sample method; visual
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/CZM Federal permit coordinator. The permit coordinator shall be contacted within 24 hours if an exceedance occurs.

3. Both the dredge area and the disposal area shall be visually monitored.

D. Dredging and Disposal:

1. All dredging is to be done using a hydraulic dredge. **Use of any other type of dredge requires preapproval from Ecology.**

2. All dredged material will be disposed of east of the entrance channel as a beach nourishment berm. **Use of any other type of disposal method or location requires pre-approval by Ecology.**

3. 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.

4. Dredged material shall not be stockpiled on a temporary or permanent basis below the ordinary high water line.

5. During dredging, the Applicant shall have a boat available on site at all times to retrieve debris from the water.

6. No Test Determination: The DMMP agencies have determined that the sediment to be dredged in this project does not require testing.

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 ten (10) years from date of issuance. Continuing this project beyond the ten (10) year term of this Order will require separate certifications every ten (10) years.

F. 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. ology 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/CZM 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 (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

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions about this Order to:

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MORE INFORMATION

Pollution Control Hearings Board Website
www.eho.wa.gov/Boards_PCHB.aspx

Chapter 43.21B RCW - Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office – Pollution Control Hearings Board
http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B

Chapter 371-08 WAC – Practice And Procedure
http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=371-08

Chapter 34.05 RCW – Administrative Procedure Act
http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05

Chapter 90.48 RCW – Water Pollution Control
http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.48

Chapter 173-201A WAC – Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington
www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/wac173201A.html

SIGNATURE

Dated this July 14, 2014 at the Department of Ecology, Lacey, Washington.

Brenden McFarland, Section Manager
Environmental Review and Transportation Section
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program
Headquarters

ATTACHMENT A

Birch Bay Village Community Club Marina
Maintenance Dredging Project
Water Quality Certification Order #10760

Statement of Understanding of
Water Quality Certification Conditions

I have read and understand the conditions of Order #10760 Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Birch Bay Village Maintenance Marina Dredging Project. I have also read and understand all permits, plans, documents, and approvals associated with the project referenced in this order.

_____ _____
Signature Date

_____
Print Name

_____
Company

_____
Title