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March 29, 2006
REGISTERED MAIL

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RE: Water Quality Certification Order DE3209 for Corps Public Notice No. 200500578 to place 7.5 cu yds of gravel and 7.5 cu yds of cable concrete to widen an existing boat launch at Columbia Cove Park, in the Columbia River, located in Brewster, Okanogan County, Washington.

Dear Mr. Brett:

On May 18th 2005, Douglas County PUD 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 for the proposed Columbia Cove Park Boat Launch expansion. The project proposes to place 7.5 cu yds of gravel and 7.5 cu yds of cable concrete to widen an existing boat launch and install silt fence in river to control erosion. The existing boat launch is 20 ft wide by 66 ft long; the boat launch will be widened by 8 ft. Ecology and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a public notice on August 10th, 2005 for the proposed project.

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.

This letter also serves as the State response to the Corps of Engineers' August 10th 2005 Public Notice.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Graff at (509) 454-4260. The enclosed Order may be appealed by following the procedures described in the Order.



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Sincerely,



Jeff Lewis
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Enclosure

cc: Debbie Knaub - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Connie Iten - WDFW

e-cc: Penny Keys - Ecology HQ
Loree' Randall - Ecology HQ
Gary Graff - Central Regional Shoreline Permit Coordinator
John Merz - Central Regional Water Quality Unit Supervisor

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A) ORDER # DE 3209
WATER QUALITY) Corps Reference No. 200500578
CERTIFICATION TO) To place 7.5 cu yds of gravel and 7.5 cu yds of
 Douglas County PUD) cable concrete to widen an existing boat launch
 in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1341) at Columbia Cove Park, in the Columbia River, }
 (FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW) located in Okanogan County, Washington.
 90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC)
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TO: Gordon Brett
 Douglas County PUD
 1151 Valley Mall Parkway
 East Wenatchee, WA 98802

On May 18, 2005 Douglas County PUD submitted a Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) requesting a Section 401 Water Quality Certification. A public notice for a proposed water quality certification from Ecology was distributed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the above-referenced project pursuant to the provisions Chapter 173-225 WAC on August 10, 2005

The proposed project entails placing 7.5 cu yds of gravel and 7.5 cu yds of cable concrete to widen an existing boat launch and install silt fence in river to control erosion. The existing boat launch is 20 ft wide by 66 ft long; the boat launch will be widened by 8 ft. The project location is Columbia Cove Park, 7th and Bruce Streets, Brewster Washington, on the shoreline of Lake Pateros, on the Columbia River, Section 23, Township 30N, Range 24 East of the Willamette Meridian, Okanogan County, Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) Foster #50.

AUTHORITIES:

In exercising authority under 33 U.S.C. 1341, 16 U.S.C. 1456, 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. Sections 1311, 1312, 1313, 1316, and 1317 (FWPCA Sections 301, 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 not violate 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 Douglas County PUD, and its agents, assignees and contractors.
2. For purposes of this Order, all submittals required by its conditions shall be sent to Ecology's Central Regional Office, Attn: Federal Permit Coordinator, 15 West Yakima Avenue Suite #200, Yakima, WA 98902. Any submittals shall be identified with Order No. DE3209 displayed.
3. Work authorized by this Order is limited to the work described in the JARPA received by Ecology on May 18th, 2005. The Applicant will be out of compliance with this Order and must reapply with an updated application 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 a modification to this Order is required.
5. This Order shall be withdrawn if the Corps of Engineers does not issue a 404 permit. It shall also be withdrawn if the project is revised in such a manner or purpose that Ecology determines the revised project requires a new authorization and public notice. The Applicant will then be required to reapply for a 401 Water Quality Certification by submitting a new JARPA to Ecology.
6. This Order does not exempt, and is provisional upon compliance with other statutes and codes administered by federal, state, and local agencies.

7. 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.
8. The Applicant shall provide access to the project site and all mitigation sites upon request by Ecology personnel for site inspections, monitoring, necessary data collection, and/or to ensure that conditions of this Order are being met.
9. 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. Further, Ecology retains continuing jurisdiction to make modifications hereto through supplemental order, if additional impacts due to project construction or operation are identified (*e.g.*, violations of water quality standards, downstream erosion, etc.), or if additional conditions are necessary to further protect water quality.
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. Any person who fails to comply with any provision of this Order shall be liable for a penalty of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation for each day of continuing noncompliance.

No Impairment of Water Quality:

- A1. Columbia River (WRIA #50, Segment NN57SG) is a Class A water of the state. Certification of this proposal does not authorize the applicant to exceed applicable state water quality standards (Chapter 173-201A WAC) or sediment quality standards (Chapter 173-204 WAC). Water quality criteria contained in WAC 173-201A-030(1) and WAC 173-201A-040 shall apply to this project, unless otherwise authorized by Ecology. This Order does not authorize temporary exceedences of water quality standards beyond the limits established in WAC 173-201A-110(3). Furthermore, nothing in this certification shall absolve the applicant from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters or sediments occurring as a result of project construction or operations.

Columbia River has been identified on the current 303(d) list as exceeding state water quality standards for dissolved gas, temperature, pH, and water column bioassay. This proposed project shall not result in further exceedences of these standards.

B. Water Quality Standards:

- B1. Conditions listed below are issued under the authority of Chapter 90.48 RCW and Chapter 173-201A WAC. Except as specifically authorized by this Order, all applicable provisions of Chapter 173-201A WAC shall be met.
- B2. Certification of this project does not authorize the applicant to exceed the turbidity standard for Class A waters beyond the 300 foot mixing zone limit established in WAC 173-201A-110(3). At the edge of the mixing zone (point of compliance) turbidity shall not exceed 5 NTU over background turbidity when the background turbidity is 50 NTU or less, or have more than a 10 percent increase in turbidity when the background turbidity is more than 50 NTU.

C. Water Quality Sampling and Monitoring:

- C1. A water quality monitoring plan shall be developed and implemented that establishes performance standards for measuring compliance with the turbidity standard at the point of compliance for the project. Samples shall be taken a minimum of three times per day during in-water activity, once each day before work begins to collect baseline data and twice during the day while construction activities are taking place.
- C2. The baseline data sampling will require two collection points, one point upstream of the construction area, and a second collection point at a distance not to exceed 300 feet downstream from the worksite. During any construction/dredging activity, additional samples shall be taken at three different collection points, one upstream, and the following two in a distance not to exceed 300 feet downstream from the worksite. Of these two collection points, one will be in the near shore environment, and another at an adequate distance waterward of the shoreline, not to exceed twenty-five percent of the width of the water body.
- C3. The water quality monitoring plan shall be sent to and received by Ecology's Gary Graff for review and approval at a minimum of two weeks before construction is scheduled to begin.
- C4. Results of daily sampling shall be tabulated and forwarded to Department of Ecology at project completion, to Gary Graff, at e-mail gagr461@ecy.wa.gov, or fax at (509) 575-2809 on a weekly basis during all project activities.
- C5. If sampling indicates that turbidity standards have been exceeded, the following actions will be taken:
 - (i) Work shall be halted.
 - (ii) Ecology's federal permit coordinator Gary Graff shall be immediately notified at (509) 454-4260.

- (iii) Sampling shall be increased to a minimum of once per hour, until water quality standards are restored, to determine the duration of time of the violation.
- (vi) A detailed written incident report shall be submitted to Ecology within five days that describes the nature of the violation, corrective action taken and/or planned, steps to be taken to prevent a recurrence, results of any samples taken, and any other pertinent information.

C6. Work activities occurring landward of the wetted perimeter, or "in the dry", do not require sampling and monitoring contained in Section C of this order.

D. Construction:

- D1. Work in or near waters of the state shall be done so as to minimize turbidity, erosion, and other water quality impacts. Construction stormwater, sediment, and erosion control, and best management practices suitable to prevent exceedences of state water quality standards (e.g., hay bales, detention areas, silt fences, etc.), shall be in place before starting clearing, filling, and grading work at the impact sites.
- D2. Prior to clearing and grading in wetlands, the adjacent wetlands shall be protected from construction impacts. Construction fencing or flagging (using brightly colored tape at no less than twenty-five foot (25') intervals) of the existing wetlands and stream channels to be protected shall be completed prior to clearing. All project staff shall be trained to recognize construction fencing or flagging that identifies wetland boundaries. Equipment shall not be moved into or operated in wetlands or stream channels that are not authorized to be filled.
- D3. During clearing and filling at the various project sites, the Applicant shall take all necessary measures to minimize the alteration or disturbance of existing wetland and upland vegetation.
- D4. No existing shoreline or lake material (i.e., logs, rocks, gravel, cobbles, woody debris or other lakebed material,) shall be relocated or used as bulkhead armor, as fill, or for any other purposes, **except** that lakebed material located exactly where the new boat ramp is to be placed may be relocated.
- D5. Dredge spoils will be deposited upland, according to the plans provided to Ecology. Dredge spoils are not to be allowed to enter OHWM or the wetted perimeter of the Columbia River.
- D6. Uncured concrete and concrete by-products shall be completely sealed off from the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) and wetted perimeter of Columbia River,

totally contained through the use of sealed forms or other leak proof containment systems, and not allowed to contaminate or enter the OHWM or wetted perimeter of Columbia River.

- D7. All construction debris shall be properly disposed of on land so that it cannot enter a waterway or cause water quality degradation to state waters.
- D8. Wash water containing oils, grease, or other hazardous materials resulting from wash down of equipment or working areas shall be contained for proper disposal, and shall not be discharged into state waters or storm drains.
- D9. Any wooden pier components, piling, pier support, and other materials composed of pressure treated wood shall be professionally and commercially produced and chemically fixed in accordance with all current best management practices as contained in the Western Wood Preservers Institute's latest edition of "Best Management Practices for the Use of Treated Wood in Aquatic Environments."
- D10. No wood, metal, or concrete preservatives, paints, sealers, glues, epoxies, chemicals, or other substances harmful or toxic to fish or shellfish shall be applied to the pier system once it has been placed within or over the OHWM of Columbia River.
- D11. Clean Fill Criteria: The Applicant shall ensure that fill placed for the proposed project does not contain toxic materials in toxic amounts.

E. Notification Requirements

- E1. Start of construction: The Applicant shall provide written notice to Ecology's Gary Graff at least 14 days prior to the start of placing fill in wetlands or other waters of the state.
- E2. Completion of project: The Applicant shall provide written notice to Ecology's Gary Graff within 14 days after completion of construction at each project site and mitigation site.

F. Emergency/Contingency Measures:

- F1. In the event the Applicant is unable to comply with any of the permit terms and conditions due to any cause, the Applicant shall:
 - (i) Immediately take action to stop, contain, and clean up unauthorized discharges or otherwise stop the violation and correct the problem.

- (ii) Notify Ecology of the failure to comply. Spill events shall be reported immediately to Ecology's 24-Hour Spill Response Team at (509) 575-2490, and within 24 hours to Ecology's Gary Graff at (509) 454-4260.
 - (iii) Submit a detailed written report to Ecology within five days that describes the nature of the violation, corrective action taken and/or planned, steps to be taken to prevent a recurrence, results of any samples taken, and any other pertinent information.
- F2. Compliance with this condition does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to maintain continuous compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order or the resulting liability from failure to comply.
- F3. 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. No refueling of equipment shall occur over, or within 50 feet of creeks, rivers, lakes, or wetlands.

G. Appeal Process:

You have the right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearings Board. Pursuant to chapter 43.21B RCW, your appeal must be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, and served on the Department of Ecology within thirty (30) days of the date of your receipt of this document.

To appeal this Order, your notice of appeal must contain a copy of the Ecology Order you are appealing.

Your appeal must be filed with:

The Pollution Control Hearings Board
4224 - 6th Avenue SE, Rowe Six, Bldg. 2
P.O. Box 40903
Lacey, Washington 98504-0903

Your appeal must also be served on:

The Department of Ecology
Appeals Coordinator
P.O. Box 47608
Olympia, Washington 98504-7608.

In addition, please send a copy of your appeal to:

Federal Permit Appeals Coordinator
Department of Ecology

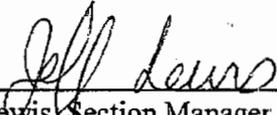
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P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, Washington 98504-7600

For additional information. Environmental Hearings Office Website: <http://www.eho.wa.gov>

Your appeal alone will not stay the effectiveness of this Order. Stay requests must be submitted in accordance with RCW 43.21B.320. These procedures are consistent with Ch. 43.21B RCW.

Dated March 29, 2006 at Yakima, Washington.



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