

Application for State of Washington Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency:

1. The Port of Everett and Wildlands of Washington applied for certification of the Blue Heron Slough Project on November 13, 2007.
2. Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County applied for certification of the Judy Reservoir-Mount Vernon Pipeline Project on August 1, 2008.
3. City of Renton applied for certification of the Strander Boulevard project on July 30, 2008.
4. Seattle Public Utilities applied for certification of the Norfolk MLK Way Treatment System Improvement Project on September 3, 2008.

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

This public notice is consistent with the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act and Chapter 173-225 of Washington Administrative Code. This notice is only intended to inform all interested parties of the proposed projects and to seek comments from the public, local, state, federal, and tribal agencies. It does not indicate approval of the proposed projects by any state agency.

Project Names:

- Blue Heron Slough
- Judy Reservoir-Mount Vernon Pipeline
- Strander Boulevard
- Norfolk-MLK Way Treatment System Improvement

Public Notice Date: 9/19/08

**Comment Period Ends:
10/10/08**

Comments should be sent to:

Department of Ecology
SEA Program
Federal Project Coordinator
Post Office Box 47600
Olympia, Washington 98504

ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov

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Blue Heron Slough Project:**Applicant**

Port of Everett and Wildlands of Washington
1800 4th Street, Suite A
Marysville, WA 98270

ATTN: Sky Miller
Telephone: (360) 658-4866

Location

North Spencer Island immediately south of Steamboat Slough in unincorporated Snohomish County.
Section 3, 4, 9, and 10; Township 29N; Range 5E.

Work

The project proposes preservation and restoration of 354 acres of formally tidally-influenced habitat. The project will recreate and reconnect former sloughs to existing Snohomish River sloughs, restoring tidal marsh, riparian, and slough habitats. Once completed, the project will restore approximately 100 acres of intertidal marsh, 8 acres of upland, 230 acres of mudflat, 16 acres of subtidal slough, 18,480 linear feet of riverine habitat and 24,000 linear feet of off-channel habitat in the Snohomish River Estuary.

Purpose

To provide habitat for and assist in the recovery of Puget Sound Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*).

Additional Information

Project to be completed in three phases over approximately three years, involving approximately 7.7 acres of wetland excavation and 3.5 acres of wetland fill.

Judy Reservoir - Mount Vernon Pipeline Project:**Applicant**

Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County
1415 Freeway Drive
P.O. Box 1436
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

ATTN: Scott Spahr, Planning Engineer
Telephone: (360) 424-7104

Location

West of the city limit near College Way (State Route 538), generally following the Kulshan Avenue right-of-way between the west city limit and North Laventure Road in the City of Mount Vernon. Sec. 15 and 16; Township 34N; Range 4E.

Work

To replace a 1.6 mile section of aging 24-inch diameter municipal water supply pipeline with 36-inch diameter pipeline within the City of Mount Vernon. The pipeline alignment will follow the existing right-of-way and proposed Kulshan Trail, minimizing the amount of new disturbance. The pipeline will involve approximately 1.54 acres of wetland impacts, most of which are temporary, and three stream crossings. The stream crossings at Logan, Bakerview, and Thunderbird Creeks will be open-cut trenches that require in-water work.

Purpose

To replace aging municipal water supply pipeline and increase system capacity.

Additional Information

Project will restore 1.5 acres of disturbed wetland, 1.1 acres of wetland buffer, 0.8 of an acre of disturbed riparian corridor, and 0.8 of an acre of stream buffer.

Strander Boulevard Project:**Applicant**

City of Renton, Department of Public Works
1055 Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

ATTN: Peter Hahn
Telephone: (425) 430-7242

Agent

Widener & Associates
10108 32nd Ave W, Suite D
Everett, WA 98008-5452

ATTN: Ross Widener
Telephone: (425) 503-3629

Location

Project is located in the City of Tukwila and City of Renton from south of SW 27th Street north to Interstate 405 along the Union Pacific Railroad. Sections 24 and 25, Township 23N, Range 4E.

Work

The project proposes to relocate the Union Pacific Railroad track 300 feet to the east, parallel to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway tracks. The total area of ground disturbing activity is approximately 8 acres. Approximately 1,700 feet north of the intersection of Strander Boulevard, a bridge will be built over South Longacres Way. Project proposes to impact 1.16 acres of wetland.

Purpose

To improve travel speed, reliability, and access in the north Renton/south Tukwila area.

Additional Information

Project will mitigate for wetland impacts by purchasing 1.183 credits from the Springbrook Creek Wetland and Habitat Mitigation Bank.

Norfolk MLK Way Subbasin Stormwater Treatment System Improvement Project**Applicant**

Seattle Public Utilities
Seattle Municipal Tower
700 Fifth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98124-4018

ATTN: Arnel Valmonte
Telephone: (206) 615-1438

Location

Project is located west of I-5, north of the South Boeing Access Road interchange, in the cities of Seattle and Tukwila. Section 3, Township 23 North, Range 4 East.

Work

The project will construct a water quality treatment pond in the Norfolk-MLK Way Subbasin. The treatment pond would be a 2-cell deep wet pond (8 feet deep) in the southern portion of City of Seattle owned property. The pond would have a dead storage volume of approximately 370,000 cubic feet. The pond would displace the existing wetland constructed by WSDOT as non-compensatory wetland mitigation that functions primarily to improve water quality.

Purpose

To provide stormwater treatment to reduce total pollutant loading to the Duwamish Waterway.

Additional Information

Project will mitigate for wetland impacts by creating 0.37 acres of new wetland on-site and by enhancing wetlands, wetland buffers, and uplands within the Puget Creek Natural Area. All temporary impacts on wetlands and buffers will be restored on-site.

Comment and Review Period

Ecology is requesting comments from the public, state and local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties to evaluate the impacts of each proposed activity.

Anyone wanting to present their views about this project may do so by providing written comments within 21 days of the publication date of this notice. Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record.

Ecology will evaluate all the comments received to determine whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a certification for the proposed work.