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Steve Langdon
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RE: Shoreline Status of Long Bell Log Pond

Dear Mr. Langdon:

The Long Bell Log Pond (Log Pond) has been determined not to be a shoreline lake and not appropriate to be regulated under the Shoreline Management Act and the Longview or Cowlitz County Shoreline Master Programs (SMP).

Although the Long Bell Log Pond is approximately 111 acres of surface water and meets the dimensional standard for a shoreline lake, other criteria inform why the Log Pond is not to be regulated as a shoreline of the state.

Specifically:

- The Log Pond was constructed for and has operated as a log storage facility, as defined under 40 CFR Part 429. The Log Pond is currently owned and operated by Pacific Fibre Products, Inc. as an industrial mill pond facility. As such, the state of Washington does not recognize this water body as a surface water of the state.
- The surface water continuity between the Log Pond and the Columbia River (River) is restricted by a set of mechanical locks. This lock system was once used for moving logs from the River to the Log Pond for processing. However, the placement of fill and culverts across the mouth of one of the locks functionally ended the transfer of logs between the River and the Log Pond, although logs are still stored in the pond prior to processing in the mill facility. Currently, the locks function as a fish barrier to the pond as well as a water impoundment.
- Access to the Log Pond is limited to personnel associated with the adjacent industrial use. The Log Pond has been fenced due to safety and security concerns. No public access is now available, with the exception of very limited visual access.



- Per the City of Longview Shoreline Analysis, the Log Pond's use for industrial log storage and the surrounding industrial development have reduced the ability of the shoreline area to provide significant hydrologic, vegetation, and habitat functions. Overall, the functions provided by the shoreline area within the reach are low.

The status of the Long Bell Log Pond is subject to change. If the current use is discontinued it should be reevaluated for status as a shoreline lake, and if found to be a water area of the state, it will be required to be added to applicable SMPs.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (360) 407-7459, or by email sarah.lukas@ecy.wa.gov .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah M. Lukas", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Sarah M. Lukas
Shoreline Planner

cc: Elaine Placido, Cowlitz County
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