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RE: Glacier NW Dredging Project Number SSDX23-0025, SEPA23-0027

Dear Mr. Rosbotham,

In response to your correction letter dated August 22, 2023, I am providing the following responses to the review comments:

- 1) A revised project narrative has been uploaded to the MyBuildingPemit website. To my knowledge, sediment samples were not collected and analyzed that represent material dredged in previous years.
- 2) Construction aggregates delivered to the Kenmore facility are sourced from the same native material that has been used for multiple sediment remediation and habitat enhancement projects across the Puget Sound Region. The material would not be eligible to be used for this purpose if it was not clean.
- 3) In-water work will be restricted to in-water work allowed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and defined in the Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) and the permit issued by the US Army Corps of Engineers following Endangered Species Act Consultation.
- 4) The need for dredging is avoided by minimizing spillage. The old offloading hopper system was replaced with a new system to minimize spillage in 2010. Dredging was deferred until the Kenmore navigation channel was dredged permitting vessels with deeper draft to resume accessing the berth. Dredging is minimized by confining the footprint of the dredge to the minimum area needed to restore the previously maintained berth. Established and effective Best Management Practices will be employed during dredging such as using a closed environmental bucket and monitoring to ensure water quality is maintained to avoid and minimize water quality impacts during dredging.

- 5) Please see the revised project narrative. Dredged material will be transferred to trucks from the bunker and transported Waste Management in Seattle or a similar permitted disposal facility for disposal. None of the dredge material will be disposed on site.

A virtual public meeting for the project was held on February 12th and it was well attended. A letter was prepared responding to comments submitted to the notice of application as well as some of the comments heard during the public meeting. That letter is being sent to the commentors specified in the correction letter and will be uploaded to the MyBuildingPermit Website.

We anticipate water quality monitoring during dredging in accordance with the 401 water quality certificate and a water quality monitoring plan approved by Ecology. We also will collect a sediment sample from the area outside the toe protection after dredging is complete and prior to placement of a sand cap. The sample will be analyzed and the results shared with the City of Kenmore.

We have had additional discussions with WDFW regarding the use of a turbidity curtain. They agree that a turbidity curtain is not necessary for this project and they do not plan require it as a condition of the Hydraulic Project Approval.

In addition to the revised project narrative and the response to comment letter, we are submitting a revised JARPA, SEPA Checklist, Plan Set and Water Quality Monitoring Plan. Please let me know if you require additional information or materials.

Sincerely,

Glacier Northwest, Inc.



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