

Public Notice: Request for Comments

Proposed 401 Water Quality Certificate for the US Army Corps of Engineers – Wyeth Treaty Fishing Access site

The purpose of this notice is to invite you to provide written comments pertaining to concerns about water quality impacts which may result from this proposed project.

Notice issued: February 8, 2010

What is DEQ's role?

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is the regulatory agency that helps protect and preserve Oregon's environment. DEQ is responsible for protecting and enhancing Oregon's water and air quality, for cleaning up spills and releases of hazardous materials, and for managing the proper disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way that DEQ protects Oregon's water quality is by issuing Section 401 Water Quality Certifications (401 WQC). Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act requires Federal permittees to obtain a 401 WQC from the State of Oregon if their proposed activity may result in a discharge to waters of the state. The certification states that the discharges will comply with applicable sections of the Clean Water Act.

Comments due:

March 12, 2010, by 5pm.

Where can I send comments? DEQ accepts comments by mail, fax and e-mail.

Mailing address:

Oregon DEQ, Northwest Region
Attn: 401 Public Comments
2020 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 400
Portland, OR 97201

Fax: 503-229-6957

E-mail comments:

401Publiccomments@deq.state.or.us

How can I review documents?

The draft 401 WQC which describes this project and DEQ's decision is viewable by clicking this link:

[Certification Letter](#)

Or, review all materials in person at:

Oregon DEQ, Northwest Region
2020 SW 4th Avenue, Portland, OR 97201

Contact Marjorie Holland at 503-229-6826 for an appointment.

Who is the applicant?

US Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District

What is proposed?

Impacts to waters of the Columbia River near approximate River Mile 156 to construct a boat ramp with wave attenuation structures (breakwaters). Impacts include dredging to provide access to the navigational channel and site restoration with riparian plantings. Upland impacts include construction of a bridge overcrossing, access roads to the area and installation of stormwater treatment facilities. Additionally, the site will be developed into camping and public facilities for use by the Treaty Tribes on the Columbia.

DEQ has prepared a draft 401 WQC. This document will be finalized in consideration of all comments received pertaining to water quality issues.

What happens next?

DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the comment period. Following this review, DEQ may issue the certification as proposed or modified, or deny the certification.

What legal requirements apply?

Federal Clean Water Act
Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 468B
Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 340, Division 48



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