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**Re: Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 13948**  
**License Article 405: Operation Compliance Monitoring Plan**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County hereby submits its Operation Compliance Monitoring Plan (OCMP) for the Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project (Project) pursuant to License Article 405 of the Commission's Order Issuing Original License dated June 23, 2015 (151 FERC ¶ 62,204). The draft OCMP was provided to Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a 30-day review and comment period; the District received comments only from WDFW. Documentation of consultation and the District's response to WDFW comments are in the OCMP appendices.

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Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project  
FERC No. 13948

**Operation Compliance Monitoring  
Plan**

License Article 405



*Everett, WA*

*May 2016*

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1. Background**

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County (the District) received from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a License, on June 23, 2015, to construct and operate the Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 13948 (Project). Once constructed, the Project will be located on Calligan Creek, a tributary to the North Fork Snoqualmie River, in King County. The 6.0 megawatt project, will be operated in a run-of-the-river mode throughout the year with seasonal minimum instream flows maintained and monitored in the creek.

### **1.2. Purpose**

License Article 405 (Appendix A) requires the development of an Operation Compliance Monitoring Plan (OCMP) to describe how the District will document compliance with the operational requirements of this License. The OCMP is to include provisions for documenting compliance with:

- run-of-river operation as required by License Article 402;
- minimum instream flows required by specific condition S1 of Water Quality Certification Order No. 10717 (WQC, Appendix B) issued January 21, 2015 by Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology);
- ramping rates required by specific condition S2 of the WQC;
- flow continuation required by specific condition S2 of the WQC; and
- sluice gate operation required by License Article 404.

### **1.3. Coordination and Integration**

#### **1.3.1. District's Role**

Upon approval of the OCMP from FERC, the District will be responsible to implement the OCMP. This responsibility will include:

- providing the funding to carry out the measures as described herein;
- coordinating with surrounding landowners regarding land management in or near the Project boundary that may affect or be affected by the measures provided;
- consulting with the agencies as needed;
- monitoring resource effects; and
- reporting to FERC.

The District's resource specialists and consultants will be involved as needed.

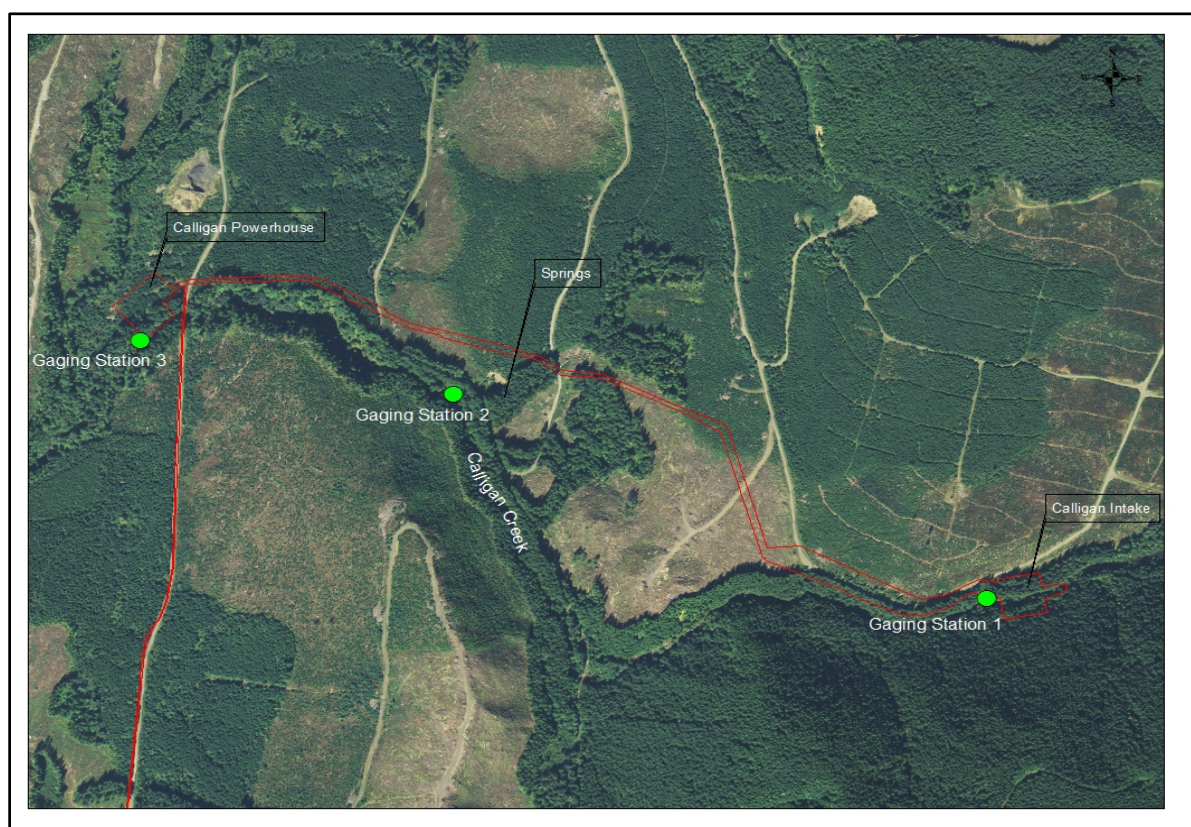
#### **1.3.2. Agency Consultation**

The District provided a copy of the draft OCMP for a 30-day review and comment period to Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; consultation documentation is included in Appendix C.

## **2. RUN-OF-RIVER OPERATION**

The Project will be operated in a run-of-the-river mode for the protection of aquatic resources in Calligan Creek. The Project will operate only when flows equal or exceed minimum plant requirements (approximately 8 cfs) plus instream releases. The District will minimize the

fluctuation of the water surface elevation at the intake by maintaining a discharge from the Project so that, at any point in time, flows as measured downstream from the Project tailrace are approximately the same or greater than the inflows to the Project intake. Three separate gaging stations have been established by the District for purposes of measuring instream flows. These are located downstream of the intake structure, downstream of the spring in the bypass reach, and downstream of the powerhouse tailrace (Figure 1). The gages will record stage at 15-minute intervals for the duration of the Project license. The District will use data collected at 15-minute intervals to document compliance with ramping rate requirements. The development of a site specific stage / discharge rating curve will allow conversion of stage to discharge to document compliance with minimum flow requirements. Gaging station data is polled by District Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) and data is stored in a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) data historian at District facilities. If flow modification is needed, the District will notify FERC and consult with agencies per License Article 402.



**Figure 1. Gaging station locations, Calligan Creek.**

### **3. MINIMUM INSTREAM FLOWS**

According to specific condition S1 of the WQC, instream flows will be maintained in any bypass reach and downstream of the Project, in a quantity sufficient to meet water quality and quantity goals and standards for the waterway. Continuous flows must be met or exceeded throughout the year as provided for in the WQC. The location for documenting minimum flow compliance will be gaging stations 1 and 2 (Figure 1). Compliance with this requirement will be measured by documenting stage readings at the above mentioned gage locations. Stage readings will be referenced to a calibrated rating curve for each of the respective gage locations which will

provide a discharge measurement taken at 15-minute intervals and stored in a SCADA historian database to document minimum instream flow compliance.

The District proposes to release the minimum flow prescribed in the WQC from the diversion weir into Calligan Creek or pass the inflow to the Project impoundment, whichever is less. Flow releases into the bypass reach would be measured via a calibrated V-notch weir located immediately downstream of the weir. Flow in the bypass would be per the criteria in the WQC. Note that the District expects that the Project may be offline during the summertime when flows naturally occurring in the creek are below the required minimum flow. This flow may be temporarily modified per License Article 402.

The Project will have a system that will automatically detect a penstock failure and immediately shut-off flow in the penstock. Flow continuation within the creek will be maintained in the event of flow disruption from a short-term shutdown.

#### **4. RAMPING RATES**

According to specific condition S2 of the WQC, the downramping rate (the rate of allowable stage reduction per unit time) will be consistent with the rates identified in the WQC, and will be implemented for Project startup and shutdown operations.

Compliance will be measured at gaging stations 2 and 3 (Figure 1) and data stored in the District's SCADA system for compliance documentation.

#### **5. FLOW CONTINUATION**

The powerhouse will be equipped with deflector shields designed to allow for the continuation of flow out of the powerhouse when any turbine is wholly or partially taken offline.

The flow continuation system will be operated according to criteria outlined in the WQC specific condition S2. Compliance will be monitored when in use and documented in the annual operation compliance monitoring report.

#### **6. SLUICE GATE OPERATION**

A sluice gate at the diversion structure will be operated periodically for sluicing sediment and debris. Consideration for passing organic debris and bedload material was a factor considered in the functional design of the Project headworks. The District expects that generally the Project would be offline during the summer when naturally occurring flows are below the required minimum flow.

Flushing of the sluiceway will be achieved by opening the sluice gate which, in its fully opened position, will have a bypass capacity of about 300 cfs with the water surface at the normal operating level (elevation 2,172 feet msl). This gate will be equipped with an electric operator so that automated operation can be accomplished either locally or remotely. Opening and closure of the sluice gate will be recorded as a discrete operation and stored to a SCADA historian database located on a secure server operated by the District. The system will be flexible enough so that

adjustments can be made based on ongoing observations of stream characteristics after Project construction. It is expected that accumulation of sediments and gravels will be minor due to the lake upstream which acts as a significantly larger settling basin for suspended material. However, the District will pass accumulation of sediment or large wood debris downstream using mechanical means if using the sluice gate proves inadequate.

## 7. OPERATION COMPLIANCE MONITORING, REPORTING AND IMPLEMENTATION

The District will file an annual report with FERC by March 31 of the first complete year following initial Project operation and continuing for five years. In the fifth year, the District will include in the report any recommendations for additional, modified, or reduced monitoring based on an adaptive management process if needed.

Implementation timing of operation compliance provisions is summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1. Implementation schedule for operation compliance provisions.**

Provision	Source	Implementation Timing	Operation Timing
Run-of-river operation	License Article 402	November 2017 (estimated start of Project operation)	Continuous, the Project operations will automatically hold the forebay pond to minimize fluctuations.
Minimum instream flows	Water Quality Certification condition S1	November 2017	Project operations will continuously bypass minimum instream flows based on calendar date (per WQC).
Ramping rates	Water Quality Certification condition S2	November 2017	Project operations will meet required ramping rates based on calendar (per WQC).
Flow continuation	Water Quality Certification condition S2	November 2017	Applicable during emergency turbine shutdown (per WQC).
Sluice gate operation	License Article 404	November 2017	As needed based on criteria in LA 404.
File annual report with Commission	License Article 405	March 31 (years 2019-2023)	Annually for 5 years post start of operation.
File recommendations regarding monitoring	License Article 405	March 31, 2023	Year 5 post start of operation.

## **APPENDIX A**

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### *License Article 405*

Article 405. Operation Compliance Monitoring Plan. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee must file for Commission approval, an operation compliance monitoring plan that describes how the licensee will document compliance with the operational requirements of this license. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:

- (1) a detailed description of how the licensee will document compliance with run-of-river operation as required by Article 402; minimum instream flows, ramping rates, and flow continuation required by Specific Conditions 1 and 2 of Washington Department of Ecology's (Washington DOE) water quality certification in Appendix A of this license; and the sluice gate operation required by Article 404;
- (2) a provision to file an operation compliance monitoring report by March 31 of the first complete year following initial project operation and continuing annually by March 31 each year thereafter for five years, and in the fifth year to include recommendations for additional monitoring; and
- (3) an implementation schedule.

The plan shall be developed after consultation with Washington DOE, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The licensee must include with the plan documentation of consultation, copies of comments and recommendations on the completed plan after it has been prepared and provided to the agencies, and specific descriptions of how the agencies' comments are accommodated by the plan. The licensee must allow a minimum of 30 days for the agencies to comment and to make recommendations before filing the plan with the Commission. If the licensee does not adopt a recommendation, the filing must include the licensee's reasons, based on project-specific information.

The Commission reserves the right to require changes to the plan. Implementation of the plan must not begin until the licensee is notified by the Commission that the plan is approved. Upon Commission approval, the licensee must implement the plan, including any changes required by the Commission.

## **APPENDIX B**

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*Washington Department of Ecology  
401 Water Quality Certification Order*



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RE: Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 13948),  
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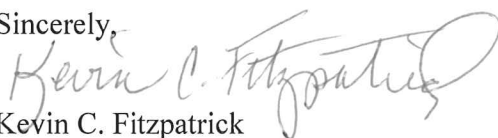
Dear Mr. Collar:

The request for certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC § 1341) for the licensing of the Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 13948), in unincorporated King County, Washington, has been reviewed. On behalf of the State of Washington, the Department of Ecology certifies that reasonable assurance exists that the Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project, subject to and limited by the conditions stated by the enclosed Order, will comply with applicable provisions of 33 USC 1311, 1312, 1313, 1316, 1317, and other appropriate requirements of state law.

This certification shall be deemed withdrawn if the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) does not issue a license for Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project within five years of the date of this issuance. This certification may be modified or withdrawn by Ecology prior to the issuance of the license based upon additional new information or changes to the project. If the certification is withdrawn, the applicant will then be required to reapply for the certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

This certification is subject to the conditions contained in the enclosed Order. If you have any questions, please contact Monika Kannadaguli at 425-649-7028. The enclosed Order may be appealed by following the procedures described in the Order.

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# 401 Certification Order

Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project  
Owned and Operated by  
Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County

Certification Order No. 10717  
FERC License No. 13948

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A WATER )  
QUALITY 401 CERTIFICATION ORDER TO: )  
Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County )

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
DOCKET NO. 10717

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<b>Order Docket No.</b>	10717
<b>Site Location</b>	Snohomish County, Washington
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**PURPOSE**

On October 17, 2013, Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County (SNOPUD) filed an application with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) requesting issuance of a 401 Water Quality Certification under the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC § 1341) to be submitted with its application for a relicense to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 13948. This application was later withdrawn by SNOPUD on, and received by Ecology on, October 3, 2014. SNOPUD reapplied for the Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project on, and Ecology received the application on, October 3, 2014.

Through issuance of this Order, Ecology certifies that it has reasonable assurance that the activity as currently proposed by SNOPUD and conditioned by this Order will be conducted in a manner that will comply with state water quality standards and other applicable requirements of state law.

**BACKGROUND**

Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project (Project), a proposed 6.0 megawatt hydroelectric project, in King County, is currently unconstructed. The Project was originally developed by a subsidiary of Puget Sound Energy working with Weyerhaeuser. Study of Calligan Creek, in King County, Washington, and its potential for hydropower development began in the 1980s. The proposed Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project was originally licensed in 1993 (FERC No. 8864). The project was designed, license and permits were obtained, but construction did not proceed for economic reasons. The license was acquired by a small company, Balaton Power, in early 2000 through a sales agreement and transfer of the license. Balaton Power had intentions to develop the project and amended the original license. The original license was amended in a FERC Order issued in February 2002 that included changes in project facilities and capacity. However, Balaton Power was not able to obtain financing to construct the project. The project license was terminated by the FERC in April 2004 due to failure to start construction. Arch Ford acquired the project assets in 2007, and the property at the diversion weir, intake, penstock, and powerhouse was conveyed to his limited liability company (Calligan Power LLC) via quitclaim deed in 2009.

Calligan Power LLC sold the Project assets to the SNOPUD (District) in 2010. Now the Project is solely owned and will be operated by SNOPUD. Because of the recent increase in needs for renewable energy in the Northwest, SNOPUD is proposing to construct and operate the Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project. The Pre-Application Document (PAD) and Notice of Intent were filed by SNOPUD on September 9, 2011. The District also filed a request to use the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP), which the FERC approved on November 8, 2011.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project is about 30 miles east of the Seattle urban area, and 9 miles northeast of the city of North Bend within the Snoqualmie River Basin, Washington. The basin extends over portions of both King and Snohomish Counties and contains about 1,800 square miles of land and water area. Refer to maps provided in Appendix D for project location and vicinity. The Snoqualmie River originates in the Cascade Mountains, draining the western slopes in three major river forks. The forks meet at a confluence one mile upstream of the town of Snoqualmie. Snoqualmie Falls, 0.5 mile downstream of the town, has a vertical drop of 268 feet and serves as a natural barrier for anadromous fish migration.

The Project site covers 11 acres of privately owned land and is currently surrounded by the Hancock Forest Management Snoqualmie Tree Farm. This is a relatively small (6.0 megawatt) run-of-the-river hydroelectric project generating approximately 20.7 gigawatt hours annually by utilizing the power potential of a drop of about 1,045 feet of head on Calligan Creek. Run-of-the-river means that there is a very small water holding capacity (approximately 0.26 acres) so the hydroelectric plant operates following natural stream flow.

## **FINDINGS**

### **1) Calligan Project Ownership and Easement**

Land surrounding the Project is owned by Hancock Timber Resource Group (HTRG), and is managed for commercial timber. The District owns lands associated with the Project as previously licensed by the FERC to the Weyerhaeuser Company as in the 1990s. The District and HTRG are in the process of amending ownership as described in the District's FLA to obtain necessary ownership and easements consistent with the FLA and the TRMP. Easements are required for management of mitigation areas, forest road access for permanent maintenance, and for temporary construction staging and access.

### **2) Calligan Project Production and Capacity**

The Project will be operated as a run-of-the-river facility. At the powerhouse tailrace, stream flow in the bypass reach will combine with seasonally available water diverted for power production. Within Calligan Creek, stream flow gages will be operated near the project intake, in the bypass reach and immediately downstream of the powerhouse.

### **3) Land Use**

Calligan Creek is located on privately owned land with existing instream uses that include fish, wildlife, and limited recreation. There is a pending water permit application for instream use associated with HTRG's periodic vegetation management. The land is currently used for commercial timber harvesting. Power generation will be an additional water use once the project is in operation.

4) Precipitation and Project Operation during Low, Mean, and High Water Years

Climate in the vicinity is strongly influenced by macro topography. The Cascade Mountain Range forms a barrier to the movement of maritime continental air masses. On the western slopes of the Cascades, winters are wet and mild, while summers are cool and comparatively dry. Mean annual precipitation in the Snoqualmie River Basin ranges from approximately 80 inches at 1,000 feet to 130 inches at higher elevations. Seventy five percent of yearly precipitation occurs from October through March, with much of the winter precipitation falling as snow at higher elevations. August and September are typically the driest months.

The plant will generally operate in the mid-range of its full-load capability for about six months of the year based on average water conditions for the site. For about three months of the year, it will operate near-full capability (usually in spring high run-off periods and during winter rain storms). For about two-and-a-half to three months in the summer, the Project will typically be off-line due to low stream flows. Therefore, operating options for peaking would vary based on time of year. Seventy five percent of annual precipitation occurs from October through March, with much of the winter precipitation falling as snow at higher elevations. August and September are typically the driest months. Over the long term, the plant is expected to operate about 75% of the time. As a run-of-the-river plant, operation will be adjusted during low, mean and high-water years; that is, the plant will operate only when stream flows allow.

Typically, the plant will be operated 24 hours per day, 7 days per week when water is available in excess of the minimum instream flow requirement and sufficient to meet turbine minimum flow requirements. However, there may be times during the year when it is necessary to shut down the plant due to low stream flow conditions. As a run-of-the-river project, the Calligan Creek Project will have no year-round dependable capacity.

5) Project Facilities

As described in the Final License Application filed by SNOPUD with the FERC on August 1, 2014, and subsequent supplemental filings. Minor changes in facility dimensions may occur during final design, but basically, the Project Facilities include the following:

*Diversion Weir*

A weir and intake structure will be constructed on Calligan Creek at RM 1.9. The weir will permit the passage of excess stream flow without obstruction and will maintain the normal water surface at Elevation 2,224. Built of reinforced concrete with rock-fill upstream and downstream, the weir will be 8.0 feet high and 45 feet in length. The passage of excess stream flow without obstruction is accomplished through spill over the 8-foot tall by 45-foot wide spillway with sloped rock-fill upstream and downstream. According to the design report filed as part of the Final License Application, the 100-year flood for Calligan Creek is 992.5 cfs, which passes over the spillway at a calculated depth of 3.8 feet. A HEC-RAS analysis performed on Calligan Creek by EES Consulting in 2014 indicates that a narrow area of Calligan Creek upstream of the project at an existing bridge provides hydraulic control and indicates that the project does not impact pre-Project water levels upstream of this existing control point.

*Intake Structure*

The intake structure will be constructed on the right bank. It will be a reinforced concrete structure with a trash rack, fish screens, and a closure gate. The intake structure will be

about 24 feet wide, 47 feet long and 18 feet high. After passing through the trash rack, water will flow through wire mesh fish screens having a minimum total wetted area of 220 square feet, and into the penstock inlet.

A weir and pool fishway will provide volitional passage utilizing flows no greater than the release of previously licensed minimum instream flow rate.

Cleaning of the intake fish screens will be accomplished automatically via the use of self-cleaning traveling fish screens. Water surface level sensors will trigger automatic cleaning, and would alert Project staff and will affect plant shutdown if the conditions worsen.

#### *Sluiceway*

A sluiceway for passage of bed load is provided between the weir and the intake proper.

It is equipped with a gate that will be opened seasonally or during high flows, to pass sediment accumulation.

#### *Penstock*

Water will be conveyed from the intake to the powerhouse through a 45-inch diameter low pressure penstock (2,300 feet long), and a 41-inch diameter 4,000-foot long higher pressure penstock, for a total distance of 6,300 feet. The penstock will be routed on the right bank of Calligan Creek. The first part of the penstock will be buried to a depth of up to about 60 feet. Access to the upper end of the penstock will be by an existing road (#14A) and a new access road to the intake structure area; the lower end of the penstock will be accessible for a distance of about one mile.

The entire penstock corridor is within a commercial tree farm and subject to harvest at approximate 40-year to 60-year rotations.

#### *Powerhouse*

The powerhouse will be a reinforced concrete and cement masonry unit block structure about 48 feet wide by 60 feet long.

A 2-jet horizontal Pelton turbine will be installed on a machine floor at approximate elevation of 1,189 feet msl. A single inlet valve will be a part of the powerhouse equipment. Auxiliaries and equipment will be arranged on the machine floor. Offices and storage space will also be located in the powerhouse.

#### *Tailrace*

Water flowing through the turbine will drop about 15 feet into the turbine pit below. The powerhouse discharge flows will then be returned to Calligan Creek via a reinforced concrete box which will discharge into a riprap lined open channel, approximately 135 feet long before entering the creek. The design of the Project will also provide that, if a load rejection occurs, flows in the penstock will be automatically deflected from the turbine runner to provide flow continuation downstream of the powerhouse.

#### *Switchyard*

The step-up transformer will be located in a switchyard near the powerhouse. It will be surrounded by an impervious trench capable of containing accidental leakage from the transformer. The entire switchyard will be enclosed within a security fence.



### *Impoundment*

The Project will operate as a run-of-the-river development to use stream flow for power purposes. Water will be backed up behind the weir for approximately 260 feet at normal pool elevation (2,224.0 feet msl). The total size of the impoundment will be approximately 11,205 square feet (0.26 acres). As a run-of-the-river facility, the impoundment has no active storage volume; the total volume of the pool is approximately 1.04 acre-feet. A summary of the physical characteristics of the impoundment are identified in Table 1.

**Table 1. Impoundment details**

Surface Area	11,205 ft <sup>2</sup> (0.26 acres)
Volume	45,300 ft <sup>3</sup> (1.04 acre feet)
Max Depth	8 feet
Mean Depth	4 feet
Flushing Rate	50 cubic feet per second (cfs)
Shoreline Length	580 feet
Substrate Composition	Cobble and gravel

### *Turbine and Generator*

One 6.0 MW 6-jet vertical impulse (Pelton) type turbine will be used. The turbine will produce 8,043 hp at a gross head of 1,035 feet and a flow of 88 cfs. The turbine rotational speed will be 450 rpm. The generator will be a synchronous type rated at 6,000 kV at 0.9 power factor, 6,900 kV, 3-phase, 60 Hz, and will be provided with a brushless excitation system.

### *Transmission Line*

The transmission line will be a 34.5 kV line buried along the shoulder of Weyerhaeuser Road #4000. The line will extend about 2.5 miles from the Calligan substation, located adjacent to the powerhouse, to a point of interconnect with the existing transmission line for the Black Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 6221), just east of Hancock Creek (Figure A3.2-1).

The transmission line will follow a portion of the access road that joins the two power plants (Hancock Creek and Calligan Creek). This road is an existing logging road that a spur of the same road gives access to the Calligan powerhouse.

### *Additional Equipment*

To maintain adequate fishery spawning flows downstream of the powerhouse, in the event of an emergency plant shutdown, flows will be diverted around the turbine into the tailrace. Diversion will be either through the nozzle flow deflector, if approved by the manufacturer, or by use of a Bailey Polyjet energy dissipating valve (or equivalent) installed in a valve pit adjacent to the powerhouse. The turbine will have a governor system to allow speed control during startup and to synchronize the unit. During operation, the load will be controlled as a function of available stream flow using the powerhouse's computerized control system and the headwater surface elevation sensors.

The turbine will be fitted with an inlet valve which will be used for emergency shutdown in the event of malfunction of the governor system, or long-term shutdown of the turbine. The generator will be equipped with a brushless excitation and voltage regulation system. The



neutral will be grounded through a single-phase distribution transformer. Surge protection equipment will be installed to protect the generator against possible winding insulation damage due to lightning or switching surge voltages.

A central hydraulic oil pump and accumulators will be supplied to meet station requirements. Each critical hydraulic load will have its own accumulator sized to meet emergency shutdown requirements. An air compressor with a storage tank will be provided to meet station compressed air requirements.

A 120 VDC battery system will meet switchgear and other station requirements. The batteries will be station-type lead calcium, with a dual charger arrangement and a circuit breaker type load distribution center.

A computerized control system will be installed to permit automatic station operation. When the plant is operating automatically, the computer will start and stop the turbine, synchronize the generator, and control the nozzle openings. The computer will also log data and act as a remote terminal of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. Manual and semi-automatic operation of the station will also be possible.

An important criterion for the design of the control and protective relay system is that the plant never operates unless utility voltage is present; hence the protective relay system will contain two components; first the normal relays to protect the power plant, and second, relays necessary to detect when the utility has disconnected from the power plant. The protective relays will be utility-type mounted in draw-out cases.

Laid parallel with the penstock in the trench will be a 480-volt power cable, and sensor/communication cables to provide power to the intake area or operate remote sensors, screens, and gates. Emergency and exit lighting will be powered by 90-minute battery packs, part of the fluorescent luminaries.

A substation grounding system will be installed to ensure personnel safety, to facilitate the proper operation of the protective relay system, and to increase the quality of signals which leave and enter the station. The system will be bonded at several points to building steel. The substation will have a grounding grid with the outermost wire about five feet outside of the fence. Station service power will be taken from the generator bus (4,160 volts) and will be transformed down to 480Y/277 volts using a dry-type indoor transformer. A motor control center will be used for the station service switchboard. Another dry-type transformer will transform 480 volts to 208Y/120 volts for 120 volt loads. The main station switchboard will be of an indoor type, 5,000-volt class. It will include two generator breakers and one main breaker along with protective relays, meters, and control equipment. Cable in conduit will be used to connect the generator to the switchboard and the switchboard to the main transformer in the outdoor substation.

## 6) Water Rights

The proposed Project holds current water permits for 88 cfs; water permit number S1-24496 for 75 cfs and S1-28623 for 13 cfs. Water rights permit allows a diversion of up to 88 cfs cumulatively while maintaining minimum instream flows of 2 cfs year-round downstream of the diversion site and 6 cfs in the May 15 - September 14 time period and 15 cfs in the September 15 - May 14 time period. The report of examination for this water right indicates that the criteria of RCW 90.03.290 were met.

7) Dams in the Snohomish River Basin

There are approximately 62 dams and/or diversion structures located throughout the Snohomish River Basin WRIA 07; 25 of which are in King County and 37 in Snohomish County. Hydroelectric projects that are in immediate vicinity of Calligan Creek Hydroelectric are Hancock Creek Hydroelectric (proposed), Snoqualmie Falls Hydroelectric, Twin Falls Hydroelectric, and Black Creek Hydroelectric project.

8) Site Access

Access to the general vicinity is by Interstate-90. Access to the project site is gained from the town of Snoqualmie via Hancock Forestry Management group logging roads. The powerhouse and intake will be accessed by improving and extending existing forestry roads.

The powerhouse and intake will be accessed by improving and extending existing forestry roads. The improved roads would be surfaced with gravel. A temporary road to the left abutment would be constructed to allow access during the construction phase.

Access to the penstock will be by existing roads at several locations along the penstock route. Where grades allow, a maintenance road may be constructed to allow inspection of the penstock alignment and vegetation control activities.

9) Approvals required by Department of Ecology

- Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order.
- Water Rights Permit (S1-24496P, S1-26154P have been issued).
- General Construction Stormwater NPDES permit.
- Coastal Zone Management Consistency Determination.

10) Water Quality

Preliminary water quality monitoring data collected in the Calligan Creek Project Area during previous licensing process showed that conditions were well within State standards (R2 Consultants 2001, license application), as well as within range of tolerable temperatures for rainbow and cutthroat trout (Bell 1986, license application).

Calligan Creek is a tributary to north fork of Snoqualmie River and an important cold water source. There is a total maximum daily load (TMDL) requirement for temperature for the Snoqualmie River and Calligan Creek's cool water helps to minimize downstream temperature impairment problems. Maintaining the natural temperature regime contribution to the North Fork Snoqualmie River is required by the TMDL and the surface water quality standards, WAC 173-201A-200(c). During project operation, generation water will be drawn at the intake structure before passing it through buried penstock and then it will be released back to the Calligan Creek at the tailrace. The bypass reach and generation water mix in the tailrace prior to Calligan Creek's confluence with the north Fork Snoqualmie River.

SNOPUD is required to maintain minimum instream flow in the bypass reach. Passing generation water through buried penstock is not expected to cause any increase in water temperature downstream, in fact the buried penstock may cause some cooling effect. However, there is a theoretical warming potential for water in the bypass reach prior to mixing with generation water in the tailrace if the project is operated during low natural flow conditions.

While estimates of thermal effects in the bypass reach from diverting water out of Calligan Creek are unavailable, the potential for measurable temperature increases above the allowable incremental increase of 0.3 °C in the bypass reach as a result of project operation are unlikely as the Project will not be operated during summer because natural flows will likely be lower than the required minimum instream flow. Therefore the Project is not expected to cause any temperature increment effect on the natural water temperature regime in the bypass reach during this critical low flow period or at the confluence of the north fork of Snoqualmie River during the critical period designated in the TMDL. Graph showing the project's mean daily water temperature prior to construction (from 2011-2014) is provided in Appendix B.

Peak summer water temperatures have been recorded in Calligan Creek during late July through early August. This coincides with the summer low flow period when flows are not expected to be sufficient to allow the Project to operate. Sluice gates at the diversion weir will be opened and flows will be unimpeded by the Project. Thus the Project will not influence water temperature during this period. During the rest of the year, the Project will operate as run-of-the-river.

The following two factors combine to protect water temperature in the bypass reach:

1) limited solar radiation due to a well-developed riparian corridor and a confined, high gradient channel with rapidly moving water, and 2) significant inflow from springs occurring within the bypass reach. This spring water remains at approximately 8°C year-round, thus has a significant cooling effect. Furthermore, the penstock will be entirely below grade; consequently, no warming of the water during penstock passage is expected.

The District will be monitoring water temperature, turbidity, and discharge in Calligan Creek during five years of normal Project operations in order to evaluate the changes in water temperature, and to ensure compliance with state water quality standards.

#### 11) Construction

The project will be under construction for a period of about 18-24 months. Timing of specific Project components (e.g. in-water work or certain land-disturbing activities) would be scheduled within regulatory allowed work-windows. Anticipated construction start date would be spring 2015; however, actual start date could vary depending upon issuance of permits, licenses, and need for energy resources as indicated by the District's Integrated Resource Plan. Specific scheduling of construction of each Project feature will be based upon seasonal climatic and stream flow conditions, degree of ground disturbance caused by particular construction activities, and the risk of sediment generation and delivery to the Creek posed by combinations of soil, water, slope stability, and topographic factors.

Approximately 1,200 cubic yards of concrete will be required to construct the powerhouse, thrust block, tailrace, diversion and intake structures. No quarry sites are anticipated and no on-site soils will be used for concrete aggregates. All concrete will be delivered by truck from nearby commercial plants.

No fresh concrete or concrete by-products will be allowed to enter the stream at any time during construction of the Project. In-stream channel work will be constructed in the dry and all forms used for concrete shall be completely sealed to prevent the possibility of fresh concrete from getting into a stream.

All in-channel construction work will be completed in dry with the exception of construction of cofferdams, which will be done in accordance with permit requirements. Resident fish at the site will be removed to downstream pool habitat, prior to construction.

The creek will be diverted around the work site in one or more bypass pipes. A temporary upstream cofferdam will be installed to divert and transition the flow into the bypass. The cofferdam will be constructed using gravel-filled bags. The gravel will be clean and bags will be of the appropriate size and strength that can be placed and removed without tearing or breaking. The upstream face of the cofferdam will likely be lined with plastic sheeting to reduce seepage. During work within the dewatered creek bed, sumps will be located to capture any seepage from the upstream cofferdam. This seepage will be pumped and routed downstream below the worksite if clean, or to upland areas for release if turbid.

Water quality monitoring for all in-water work will be conducted throughout the Project. Sampling will be conducted in Calligan Creek at the powerhouse site and at the diversion/intake site near the bypass pipe discharge. Records of all monitoring information will be documented in the site log book and related monitoring forms.

There are no existing hazardous materials present requiring clean-up. If any hazardous material is generated it will be sent off-site for disposal. Any oils or greases requiring disposal will be transported off-site and disposed of at a licensed disposal facility.

No shotcrete will be used for the project.

Excess earthwork material will be disposed of on-site in designated spoil and laydown areas. Soil material will be excavated from Calligan Creek at the intake site and for the tailrace at the powerhouse site. This material would be taken to one of the spoil areas, or transported off-site to an approved disposal location.

## 12) Fish

No anadromous fish are present in the Calligan Creek Project Area. Access to Calligan Creek by returning adult salmon or steelhead is blocked by Snoqualmie Falls on the Snoqualmie River at about RM 40.5, approximately 11.5 river miles downstream from the mouth of Calligan Creek.

Fish species known to inhabit the Snoqualmie River basin upstream of Snoqualmie Falls include cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, eastern brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*), mountain whitefish (*Prosopium williamsoni*), largescale sucker (*Catostomus macrocheilus*), longnose dace (*Rhinichthys cataractae*), shorthead sculpin (*Cottus confusus*), and mottled sculpin (*Cottus bairdi*), western brook lamprey (*Lampetra richardsoni*), and threespine stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus*) (Overman 2008). No studies have reported observations of native char (bull trout and Dolly Varden) above Snoqualmie Falls, including during snorkel surveys designed to detect their presence (Berge and Mavros 2001). Nonetheless, the upper Snoqualmie Basin is designated Core Area/Core Habitat for ESA-Threatened bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*) by the USFWS. Currently, all three Snoqualmie River Forks are managed for wild trout (Overman 2008).

Resident trout found in Calligan Creek include rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, and brook trout (Weyerhaeuser 1991, R2 2001, District 2011, District 2012). Although both rainbow and cutthroat trout may have been native to the drainage, it is likely that native strains have been replaced by hatchery reared stocks. The non-native eastern brook trout were planted by the Washington Department of Game (WDG) between 1955 and 1969. The WDG first

planted Calligan Lake and its tributaries in 1934 and continued this practice through 1993, although not during all years. Over this period, rainbow trout accounted for 81% of trout planted, with cutthroat making up the remaining 19%. A total of 717,929 rainbow trout were planted between 1934 and 1993 with an average annual planting of 22,593. Between 1934 and 1982, a total of 169,524 cutthroat trout were planted with an average annual planting of 12,109.

Fish population studies were first conducted in Calligan Creek during the 1980s as a component of the proposed Project's initial licensing studies. These included electrofishing surveys and snorkel surveys near both the diversion and powerhouse sites. Subsequent surveys were completed in 1992, 2001, 2010, 2011, and 2012 following protocols outlined in the Fisheries Monitoring Plan crafted in 1992 (CES 1992, R2 2001, Cedarrock 2010, District 2011, District 2012).

These independent efforts were each undertaken as the "first year" of monitoring in advance of Project startup. The surveys were conducted in a series of eight pools established as the monitoring index area. The 2001, 2010, 2011, and 2012 surveys generally replicated the 1992 survey, although some changes in habitat were documented.

The results of these fish population surveys indicate that rainbow trout is the predominant species in the bypass reach, with cutthroat and brook trout being found only occasionally. Rainbow and cutthroat trout in the bypass reach are most likely naturally reproducing populations that are periodically augmented by emigrants from lake plantings. Migration between the lake and creek is one-directional due to presence of numerous barriers to upstream passage. Populations are isolated between barriers with movements restricted to within localized areas. At the outlet to Calligan Lake, spawning has historically been observed in a short reach of the creek presumably by stocks with an allacustrine life history (WDG 1985). Recent spawning surveys (District 2011, 2012a) further confirm this life history pattern with 100% of the observed redds in a 1,040-foot index area occurring within 600 feet of the lake. This reach will not be affected by Project operations.

Although true population size or density estimates were not part of the Calligan Creek fisheries studies, based on data that were collected, rainbow trout population densities appear to be low to moderate.

### 13) Tributary Rivers and Streams

Calligan Creek is a tributary of the North Fork Snoqualmie River with their confluence at about river mile (RM) 8.6 (Figure E.1-9). The creek drains an area of about 9.2 square miles before entering the North Fork Snoqualmie River at elevation 1,100 feet mean sea level (msl).

The Calligan Creek drainage can be divided into the following three distinct reaches: the upper reach (from Little Calligan Lake downstream to Calligan Lake), Calligan Lake, and the lower reach (downstream of Calligan Lake). The upper 1.2 mile reach originates at Little Calligan Lake at elevation 2,720 feet msl and falls at an average gradient of 8 percent before entering Calligan Lake at elevation 2,222 feet msl.

### 14) Determination of minimum flows

Ecology identified the correct flows based on an Instream Flow Incremental Method (IFIM) study that was submitted to FERC in 1991. This study included identifying habitat needs for resident trout (Physical Habitat Simulation (PHABSIM) study) in Calligan Creek. Based on this study, instream flows were agreed on by interested parties including WDFW. The



adaptive management component uses trout monitoring information over a period of years to make sure these flows are adequate to protect trout and if not, flows can be adjusted upward. Since flow and habitat conditions have not significantly changed between the present and when the study was done and since this is the same type of study the state currently performs when developing minimum instream flow water rights adopted in agency rules, the original IFIM study is sufficient.

15) Opportunity for Stakeholders and Public Participation

A draft copy of this Order was provided to all the stakeholders listed on the FERC website and posted on Ecology's website for public comments. Prior to the final issuance, this Order has been provided to SNOPUD to confirm that the factual information provided here is most current at the time of the issuance of 401 certification. All the comments received during consultations with stakeholders and during public comments period were adequately addressed prior to the issuance of this amended 401 Certification Order.

**AUTHORITIES**

In exercising authority under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC § 1341) and the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act (RCW 90.48.260), Ecology has investigated this application pursuant to the following:

- 1) Conformance with all applicable water quality-based, technology-based, and toxic or pretreatment effluent limitations as provided under Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC Sections 1311, 1312, 1313, 1316, and 1317, FWPCA Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307).
- 2) Conformance with any and all applicable provisions of Chapter 90.48 RCW, including the provision to use all known, available, and reasonable technologies (AKART) to prevent and control pollution of state waters as required by RCW 90.48.010.
- 3) Conformance with the state water quality standards as provided for in Chapter 173-201A WAC authorized by 33 USC 1313 and by Chapter 90.48 RCW, and with other appropriate requirements of state law that are related to compliance with such standards.
- 4) Conformance with RCW 90.56, which prohibits discharge of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters or onto land where such contaminants could potentially drain into state waters.
- 5) Conformance with the Minimum Flows and Levels Act, RCW 90.22 and the Water Resources Act, RCW 90.54.020.

Certification of this proposal does not authorize SNOPUD to exceed applicable ground water quality standards (WAC 173-200) or sediment quality standards (WAC 173-204). Furthermore, nothing in this Certification shall absolve SNOPUD from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters, or sediments occurring as a result of Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project construction or operation.

This certification will cease to be valid if the project is constructed and operated in a manner not consistent with the FERC license.

## CURRENT STANDARDS

### 1) Washington State Water Pollution Control Act

The intent of actions required in this certification is to support the goals of the state of Washington to “maintain the highest possible standards to ensure the purity of all waters of the state consistent with public health and public enjoyment thereof, the propagation and protection of wildlife, birds, game, fish and other aquatic life, and the industrial development of the state, and to that end require the use of all known, available, and reasonable technologies (AKART) by industries and others to prevent and control the pollution of the waters of the state of Washington” (RCW 90.48.010).

### 2) Washington State Water Quality Standards (WAC 173-201A, 2006)

Calligan Creek is a tributary to the North Fork of the Snoqualmie River in *Water Resource Inventory Areas* (WRIA) 7. Based upon the new standards, use-based water quality characteristics for Calligan Creek are listed below (WAC 173-201A-600):

*Core summer habitat, extraordinary primary contact recreation  
and all other water supply and miscellaneous uses.*

Designated freshwater uses in the state standards include subcategories under aquatic life, recreation, water supply, and miscellaneous uses. The entire north fork of Snoqualmie river basin is designated for domestic, industrial, and agricultural water supply and stock watering; wildlife habitat; timber harvest; commerce and navigation; boating; and aesthetics. The basin is also designated as Core Summer Salmonid Habitat for which specific numerical criteria are established for water quality parameters applicable to the Calligan Creek as explained in Table 2.

### 3) Toxics and Oil Spills [WAC 173-201A-260(2)(a), 2006 and RCW 90.56]

Toxic concentrations shall be below those which have the potential, either singularly or cumulatively, to adversely affect characteristic water uses, cause acute or chronic conditions to the most sensitive biota dependent upon those waters, or adversely affect public health. RCW 90.56 prohibits any discharge of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters or onto land where such contaminants could potentially drain into state waters.

## COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS

Waters of the state are assigned designated uses under WAC 173-201A. Calligan Creek is designated as Core Summer Salmonid Habitat for which specific numerical criteria are established for temperature, total dissolved gas (TDG), turbidity, dissolved oxygen (DO), and pH (Table 2). The Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project shall meet or improve upon the requirements for all designated and existing uses under state water quality standards.

**Table 2. Applicable 2006 numerical water quality criteria for the Calligan Creek**

Parameter	Condition	Value
Temperature	Highest 7- DADMAX.	16°C
Dissolved Oxygen	Lowest 1-day minimum	9.5 mg/L
Turbidity	Turbidity shall not exceed	5 NTU over background when background is <= 50 NTU -or- 10% increase in turbidity when background is > 50 NTU
Total Dissolved Gas (TDG)	% Saturation	Total dissolved gas shall not exceed 110% of saturation at any point of sample collection.
pH		Range within 6.5-8.5, with a human-caused variation within the above range of < 0.2 units.
Toxic Substance Criteria	See <u>WAC 173-201A-240</u> and <u>250</u> .	
<sup>1</sup> When waterbody's temperature is higher than the criteria due to natural conditions, then human actions considered cumulatively may not increase the 7-DADMax temperature more than 0.3 °C above natural conditions. WAC 173-201-200(1)(c)(i).		

The state standards for contact recreation that apply to the Calligan Creek are based on fecal coliform bacteria criteria as summarized in Table 3.

**Table 3. State water quality standards for fecal coliform for extraordinary and primary contact recreation**

<b>Extraordinary primary contact recreation</b>	Fecal coliform organism levels must not exceed a geometric mean value of 50 colonies/100mL, with not more than 10% of all samples (or any single sample when less than 10 sample points exist) obtained for calculating the geometric mean value > 100 colonies/100 mg/L.
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## SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

### S1. Instream Flow

Instream flows shall be maintained in any bypass reach and downstream of the project, in a quantity sufficient to meet water quality and quantity goals and standards for the waterway, as provided in WAC 173 201A and RCW 90.48, RCW 90.54, and RCW 90.22. Continuous flows must be met or exceeded throughout the year as provided in Table 4:

**Table 4. Release at Diversion Weir**

Day of Year	Minimum Instream Flow	Measurement location
Year around	2 cfs or inflow whichever is less	Immediately downstream at the calibrated weir
May 15 through September 14	15 cfs or natural flow, whichever is less	Downstream of spring-fed inflow as measured by USGS gage No. 12142200 located at Latitude 47°36'05", Longitude 121°41'20"
September 15 through May 14	6 cfs or natural flow, whichever is less	Downstream of spring-fed inflow as measured by USGS gage No. 12142200 located at Latitude 47°36'05", Longitude 121°41'20"



If project operation results in excursion of any of the above minimum flow requirements, SNOPUD shall notify the commission, WDFW, and Ecology as soon as possible but no later than 10 business days after such an incident (use the non-compliance notification form provided in Appendix G for reporting).

## **S2. Down Ramping and Flow Continuation**

The down ramping rate will be consistent with the previous license (FERC Project No. 9025, License Article 411) as identified in Table 5, and will be implemented for Project startup and shutdown operations.

**Table 5. Down Ramping Rate Criteria for the Calligan Creek Project Downstream of the Diversion and Powerhouse**

Day of Year	Daylight* Rate (inches/hour)	Nighttime Rate (inches/hour)
November 1 through June 15	2	2
June 16 through October 31	2 (when instream flow is greater than or equal to critical flow); 1 (when instream flow is less than critical flow - critical flow set at 30 cfs)	1
* Daylight is defined as 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset.		

The powerhouse shall be equipped with deflector shields designed to allow for the continuation of flow out of the powerhouse when any turbine is wholly or partially taken off-line.

Design and install mechanical deflectors in front of the Pelton turbine, to provide flow continuation past the turbine for emergency situations when the turbine or generator function must be terminated. This flow continuation system will be operated according to the following criteria:

- (a) When flows exceed the annual 10% exceedance flow, no flow continuation will be required (Based on actual USGS data and synthesized records. Economic Engineering Services 2009);
- (b) When flows are less than the critical flow (the flow above which there is no risk of stranding) flow continuation will be maintained for a minimum of 24 hours; and
- (c) At all other times, a minimum of six hours of flow continuation will be provided.

## **S3. Adaptive Flow Management**

SNOPUD shall implement the Instream Flow Adaptive Management Plan (IFAMP) filed with the Commission on April 25, 2014. The IFAMP documents how the Licensee will implement a program to adaptively manage instream flows based upon the results of resident trout monitoring. The IFAMP was developed with input from WDFW and Ecology.

SNOPUD will implement 5-year increment flow increases to be adjusted if monitoring indicates a decrease in the resident trout population index as described in Table 6 below.

**Table 6. Instream Flow Adaptive Schedule for Adjustment Based on Trout Monitoring Results**

Years of Project Operation	1-5 years	6-10 years	11-15 years	16+ years
	Start	Flow Adjustment Schedule in cfs**		
Month	Flows in cfs*	1st	2nd	3rd
October	2	3	4	5
November	2	3	4	5
December	2	3	4	5
January	2	3	4	5
February	2	3	4	5
March	2	3	4	5
April	2	3	4	5
May 1-14	2	3	4	5
May 15-31	2	2	2	2
June	2	2	2	2
July	2	2	2	2
August	2	2	2	2
September 1-14	2	3	4	5
September 15-30	2	3	4	5
* Stated flow level or natural flows whichever are less.				
** Flow increases to be adjusted only if approved monitoring plan determines a decrease in the resident trout population index occurred. The first adjustment could occur as early as Year 3 if there are two sequential catastrophic declines in the population index defined as winter rearing season based on water temperature monitoring				

Results will be examined following the statistical analyses and decision criteria described in the Trout Monitoring Plan (TMP) after each annual post-Project snorkel survey is completed. The Licensee will provide WDFW and Ecology the results of the analyses and the Licensee's recommendations by October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year as part of the annual reporting under the TMP. WDFW will have 30 days to review the material and provide written comments to the Licensee. If needed, a consultation meeting will be held approximately two weeks after the survey results are submitted to review the status of the statistical evaluation. The intent of this approach is to work interactively with resource agency personnel to ensure proposed flow releases do not harm fisheries resources. Should unexpected events occur, with obvious adverse effects on the results of the evaluation, all parties will take such effects into deliberation.

If results of the monitoring plan determine that increases in flows are warranted (according to the criteria defined in the IFAMP), then the Licensee will increase flows in Calligan Creek bypass reach according to the schedule in Table 1 (above) no later than February 28<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

The time periods for initial Project operation will also be used to determine the appropriate survey schedule following any FERC-mandated increase in the minimum instream flow release. For instance, if a modification to the minimum flow release is implemented prior to February 28<sup>th</sup>, the next scheduled snorkel survey will describe conditions under the new flow regime. If a flow adjustment is implemented between March 1<sup>st</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>, the snorkel survey conducted in the following year will be used to evaluate trout abundance under the new flow regime.

The Licensee shall conduct surveys of trout abundance in the Project reach annually in accordance with the TMP and this IFAMP until the FERC determines the prescribed flow regime adequately protects the aquatic resources of Calligan Creek. Pre-Project baseline snorkel surveys of the eight selected pools in the Project reach were conducted during August and September 1992, 2001, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 to date. The Licensee shall repeat three surveys between August and September each year until the Project is constructed and continue these surveys for at least five years following power generation. Project construction is expected to start during fall 2016 with Project operation expected in the winter 2017.

**Table 7. Trout Monitoring Plan Activities and Reporting\***

Activities	Frequency	Timing
Conduct Pre-Operation Surveys	Annually, until commencement of operation	August 15-September 15, as conditions allow
Provide Pre-Operation Survey Report (Annual Report) to WDFW for Review	Annually, after conduct of pre-operation survey	October 31
Conduct Post-Operation Surveys <sup>*1</sup>	Annually for 5 years after commencement of operation	August 15-September 15, as conditions allow
Provide Post-Operation Survey Report (Annual Report) to WDFW for Review	Annually for years 1-4 after commencement of operation	October 31
Provide Final Post-Operation Survey Report to WDFW for Review	5 <sup>th</sup> year after commencement of operation	December 31
File Final Post-Operation Survey Report with FERC	Once	60 days (by March 1 <sup>st</sup> ) after providing Final Post-Operation Survey Report to WDFW for review

* If Project Operations Begins:	Then Initial Post Operation Survey Occurs:
August 16-December 2016	August 2017
January 1-February 28, 2017	August 2017
March 1-August 2017	August 2018

#### **S4. Flow Measurement and Reporting**

Install a calibrated weir at the diversion to ensure that required flows are maintained and ramping rates are in compliance. Calibration procedures for flow measurement shall be in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations and be made available to Ecology upon request.

With approval from WDFW and Ecology, the Licensee shall determine the location of a gage to record tailrace stage in Calligan Creek below the powerhouse. The Licensee shall install, operate, and maintain this stage gage. The gage will record the tailrace stage every 15 minutes for the duration of the Project license. The Licensee will provide the stage data to the agencies and tribes within 30 days after the date of the agencies' or tribes' request for the data.

**Table 8. Instream Flow Monitoring and Reporting**

Activity	Frequency	Timing
Operate and maintain previously installed USGS gage 12142200	Continuous	Duration of project
Record and report USGS gage data	15 minutes intervals	Year around
Flow recording gage at weir, as required for fish screens (S6)	Continuous	Year around
Determine location of stage gage below powerhouse	Once	By end of March 2016
Record stage below powerhouse	15 minute intervals	Duration of project
Provide stage data to agencies	As needed	Within 30 days after request for data
Notify Ecology, WDFW, and FERC of flow deviation including down ramping and flow continuation	Each occurrence	No later than 10 business days after occurrence

**S5. Tailrace Fish Exclusion**

SNOPUD must build a tailrace exclusion barrier to prevent upstream migration of fish into the tailrace. The design of the barrier must be approved by WDFW.

**S6. Fish Screen**

SNOPUD must install self-cleaning, traveling composition fish screens in the intake chamber upstream of the penstock inlet consistent with the previous license (FERC Project No. 8864, License Article 414).

**S7. Upstream Fish Passage**

SNOPUD shall install volitional passage for resident fish at the project intake facilities consistent with that filed with the FERC on August 15, 2014, and consistent with that provided under existing channel conditions. Passage will be provided using flows no greater than the release of previously licensed minimum instream flow rate of 2 cfs at the Calligan intake.

**S8. Sediment and Woody Debris Passage**

SNOPUD shall pass all accumulation of sediment and woody debris downstream of the project intake and weir.

**S9. Construction Activities**

SNOPUD must prepare and implement a water quality protection plan (WQPP) for all project-related construction, maintenance, and repair work that is in- or near-water that has the potential to impact surface and/or groundwater quality. A full-time Pollution Control Inspector must be made available to supervise implementation of the WQPP. WQPP must include, but not be limited to, the following elements:

- a) Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for Upland Construction Work – SNOPUD is required to develop a SWPPP for upland construction activities. The SWPPP must specify the Best Management Practices (BMPs) and other control measures to prevent pollutants from entering state's surface water and ground water from upland construction activities. The SWPPP must also specify the management of chemicals, hazardous materials, and petroleum (spill prevention and containment

procedures), including refueling procedures, preventive measures in the event of a spill, and reporting and training requirements. The SWPP must also specify water quality monitoring protocols and notification requirements.

- b) In-Water-Work Protection Plan for In-Water Construction Work – SNOPUD is required to develop an In-Water-Work Protection Plan for construction activities that require work within surface waters. This plan must specifically address the BMPs and other control measures to prevent contaminants from entering surface water and ground water. In addition to construction activities, this work includes, but is not limited to, the application of herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, disinfectants, and lake fertilization.

The plan must address water quality monitoring provisions for all in-water work, including monitoring outside the area that could be influenced by the work, and at the point of compliance throughout the project. This includes, but is not limited to, construction and maintenance of, or emergencies from, any of the following:

*fish collection structures, generation turbines, penstocks, hatcheries, transportation facilities, portable toilets, boat ramps, access roads, transmission corridors, structures, gravel augmentation projects, and staging areas for all project-related activities.*

The plan must include the following minimum requirements:

- i. Locations of samples: Locations of water quality sampling sites must be identified and described in the plan and on a map of the project area. At a minimum, sampling shall take place at the point of compliance as specified in WAC 173-201A-200(1)(e)(i), which allows temporary area of mixing for turbidity resulting from disturbance of in-place sediments in Calligan Creek. Background samples must be collected outside the area of influence of in-water work. Background samples shall be collected concurrently and at the same frequency as the point of compliance samples.
  - ii. Number of samples: Number and frequency of water quality samples must be specified in the plan.
  - iii. Parameter to be sampled: Turbidity, pH, oil and sheen, temperature and dissolved oxygen (DO) must be sampled for this project.
  - iv. Equipment: Sampling must be done using properly calibrated instruments.
- c) Best Management Practices for Construction Work

BMPs used for the upland construction activities must be consistent with the *Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington* (most recent edition at the time of the issuance of NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit) or equivalent. SNOPUD must identify the site-specific BMPs for upland and in-water construction work and list them in the WQPP. Some of the recommended BMPs are listed below.

- i. Construction stormwater, sediment, and erosion control best management practices (BMPs) suitable to prevent exceedances of state water quality standards must be in place before starting construction at the site. Sediment and erosion control measures must be inspected and maintained prior to and during project implementation. All reasonable measures must be taken to minimize the impact

of construction on waters of the state. Water quality constituents of particular concern are turbidity, dissolved oxygen, temperature, suspended sediment, oil and sheen, and pH.

- ii. All necessary measures must be taken to minimize the disturbance of existing riparian, wetland, or upland vegetation. Work in or near the waterway must be done so as to minimize turbidity, erosion, and other water quality impacts.
- iii. SNOPUD must ensure that any fill materials placed for habitat improvements in any waters of the state do not, by reference to applicable standards, contain toxic materials in toxic amounts.
- iv. All construction debris must be properly disposed of on land above the limits of flood water in an approved upland disposal site. SNOPUD must handle and dispose of all solid waste material in such a manner as to prevent its entry into state ground or surface water.
- v. SNOPUD must ensure that fill (soil) placed for the proposed project does not contain toxic materials in toxic amounts.
- vi. If cast in place, wet concrete/grout must be prevented from entering waters of the state. Forms for any concrete/grout structure must be constructed to prevent leaching of wet concrete/grout. Impervious materials must be placed over any exposed concrete/grout not lined with the forms that will come in contact with state waters. Forms and impervious materials must remain in place until the concrete/grout is cured.
- vii. Work in or near the water that may affect fish migration, spawning, or rearing must cease immediately upon a determination by Ecology or WDFW that fisheries resources may be adversely affected.
- viii. All equipment must be placed safely so that it cannot accidentally enter a waterway or cause water quality degradation to state waters. Mobile equipment that enters the water must be maintained such that a visible sheen from petroleum products does not appear.
- ix. Care must be taken to prevent any petroleum products, paint, chemicals, or other harmful materials from entering the water.
- x. Prior to blasting the bedrock for the intake structure and penstock, SNOPUD must remove overburden from above the rock.
- xi. All possible measures, such as blast mats, must be used to prevent rock from entering state waters during blasting.

SNOPUD is required to apply for a construction stormwater NPDES permit at least 60 days prior to start of construction.

#### **S10. Water Quality Monitoring, Reporting and Adaptive Management**

##### **a) During Construction**

Water quality monitoring must be conducted per the WQPP as explained above. WQPP must be submitted to Ecology for review at least two (2) months prior to the initiation of any construction-related work and all the subsequent modifications to the plan must be submitted to Ecology at least thirty (30) days before implementation. A copy of the



WQPP must be in the possession of the on-site construction manager, and the plan must be made available for review by Ecology staff upon request. Results of water quality sampling, as determined by the WQPP, must be submitted to Ecology on a monthly basis during construction.

If any project component has a long-term impact on a regulated water quality parameter, characterization monitoring must be performed for the impacted parameter(s), and a monitoring plan must be outlined in the WQPP.

SNOPUD must submit all the reports (including monthly discharge monitoring reports, DMRs) and documents required by the construction stormwater NPDES permit in a timely manner.

Any construction-related activities resulting in dead or dying fish are not allowed. Any such activity shall cease immediately and Ecology's Water Quality Program, Northwest Regional Office shall be notified immediately by telephone at (425) 649-7000, a 24-hour number.

Notification of noncompliance during construction and operation phases must be made to Ecology within 24 hours of detection or observation of occurrence of the noncompliance followed by a detailed report within five (5) days of detection or observation of the noncompliance. Noncompliance events must be reported on noncompliance notification form (NNF) provided in Appendix G.

Water quality parameters' monitoring frequencies and locations for Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project during construction are provided in Appendix B, Table 9, Figure 1.

b) Post Construction and During Project Operation

SNOPUD must complete a comprehensive Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report (as indicated in its Water Quality Monitoring Plan filed with FERC on August 1, 2013) for Calligan Creek Hydroelectric facility. The report must include the monitoring data, result analysis, reports of noncompliance events (if any), documentation of actions taken by SNOPUD to bring the site in compliance after noncompliance and analysis of project effects on water quality standards. The report must be submitted no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year in a format acceptable to Ecology.

Suspension or modification of water quality monitoring as described above may be requested if, after a minimum of five (5) years of complete, reliable data collection following the completion of the project construction, demonstrates that there are no violations of water quality standards.

If exceedances of water quality standards are detected through sampling and monitoring, the applicant must immediately take action to stop, contain, and prevent unauthorized discharges or otherwise stop the violation and correct the problem. Any observed values in excess of the water quality standards for, temperature and turbidity, must be reported to Ecology's Northwest Regional Office within six weeks of obtaining monitoring data for that particular noncompliance event. Noncompliance events must be reported on noncompliance notification form (NNF) provided in Appendix G. All and any completed noncompliance notification forms must be included in annual water quality monitoring report too.

Ecology may, where necessary to protect water quality, require that SNOPUD implement a more rigorous water quality sampling program for the listed or additional parameters in accordance with the amendment of certification process described under general conditions.

Post construction water quality monitoring locations and frequencies are provided in Appendix B, Table 10, Figure 2.

The Snoqualmie River Basin has a TMDL for temperature. Calligan Creek is an important cold water source for Snoqualmie River downstream. During project operation SNOPUD is required to monitor the temperature on a continuous basis at six different locations as listed in Table 10.

The Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report must include the analysis about the impact of project operation on the water quality temperature in the bypass reach and downstream of powerhouse.

The Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project is required to meet or improve upon the state water quality standards during project operation. If the monitoring data submitted as part of Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report indicates that project operation has caused any exceedances of water quality standards, Ecology may require SNOPUD, by way of agency order, to limit or modify future project operations as Ecology finds is necessary to assure ongoing compliance.

#### **S11. Temporary and Emergency Modification to Flows and Ramping Rates**

- a) The instream flow and/or ramping requirements of this Certification may be temporarily suspended and modified if and as necessary to accommodate a temporary operational condition or constraint, when the occurrence of such condition or constraint limits SNOPUD's ability to comply with such requirements. In connection with any temporary suspension or modification of such requirements, SNOPUD shall: (i) notify the NOAA Fisheries, USFWS, Ecology WDFW and Snoqualmie Tribe thereof and (ii) obtain Ecology's prior approval.
- b) In the event that either: (i) a natural event outside of the control of SNOPUD, or, (ii) a condition affecting the safety of the project or project works occurs, and under circumstances where such event or condition does not allow for consultation to occur before responding, then the flows and/or ramping rates may be temporarily modified following any consultation with Ecology that is possible given the emergencies of the event. If the flow is so modified, SNOPUD shall notify Ecology, FERC, NOAA Fisheries, WDFW, and Snoqualmie Tribe as soon as practicable after the condition is discovered, without unduly interfering with any necessary or appropriate emergency repair, alarm, or other emergency action procedure. SNOPUD shall document these events in its Annual Water Quality Monitoring report.

#### **S12. Oil Spill Prevention and Control**

[In the context of this section, "spills" will refer to oil, paint, or chemical spills as opposed to the release of water from the Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project.]

A Spill Prevention, Containment, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan must be prepared that covers, as applicable within the Clean Water Act, any petroleum-based equipment to be used at the site, including the powerhouse and any equipment associated with the powerhouse, that holds or contains oil, fuel, or other petroleum products that are potentially



detrimental to water quality and the biota. The plan must be kept on site. The plan shall be submitted to Ecology for approval within one (1) year of license issuance. The plan must include, at a minimum, the following BMPs and spill response requirements.

In addition to fulfilling the requirements under the SPCC regulations, the BMPs and spill response procedures listed below will apply.

a) Best Management Practices

- i. Care must be taken to prevent any petroleum products, paint, chemicals, or other harmful materials from entering waters of the state.
- ii. Visible floating oils released from any project-related construction or Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project operation shall be immediately contained and removed from the water.
- iii. All oil, fuel, or chemical storage tanks shall be contained and located on impervious surfaces so as to prevent spills from escaping to surface waters or ground waters of the state.
- iv. 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. Refueling of equipment on land shall occur where there is no potential of spilling fuel into rivers, creeks, wetlands, or other waters of the state. Equipment that requires refueling in-water shall be maintained and operated to prevent any visible sheen from petroleum products from appearing on the water. Proper security shall be maintained to prevent vandalism.
- v. Oil and grease usage should be regularly monitored. Observation of significant increase in usage should trigger an investigation for leaks, followed by any required maintenance or corrective action.
- vi. No emulsifiers or dispersants are to be used in waters of the state without prior approval from the Department of Ecology, Northwest Regional Office.
- vii. 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.

b) Spill and Release Response:

- i. In the event of a discharge or release of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters, or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters, containment and clean-up efforts shall begin immediately and be completed as soon as possible, taking precedence over normal work. Clean-up shall include proper disposal of any spilled material and used clean-up materials.
- ii. Samples shall be collected and analyzed to assess the extent of the spill and to assure all contaminants have been thoroughly removed.
- iii. Spills into state waters, spills onto land with a potential for entry into state waters, or other significant water quality impacts, shall be reported immediately or no later than 24 hours after discovery to the Department of Ecology, Northwest Regional Office, at 425-649-7000 (24-hour phone number). SNOPUD shall provide a written follow-up report to Ecology within two (2) weeks of the incident stating

what occurred, whether the incident was due to natural events or human-related activities, SNOPUD's response, a plan detailing long-term corrective actions and monitoring protocols if needed, any measures SNOPUD proposes to reduce future similar occurrences, results of any samples taken, and any additional pertinent information.

Additional BMPs are listed in Appendix A of this Order.

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

Certification of this proposal does not authorize the Licensee to exceed applicable state water quality standards approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (currently codified in Chapter 173-201A WAC), ground water quality standards (currently codified in Chapter 173-200 WAC), and sediment quality standards (currently codified in Chapter 173-204 WAC), and other appropriate requirements of state law. Furthermore, nothing in this Order absolves the Licensee from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters, or sediments occurring as a result of activities associated with project operations and FERC license conditions.

- G1. In the event of changes or amendments to the state water quality, ground water quality, or sediment standards, or changes in or amendments to the State Water Pollution Control Act (RCW 90.48), or changes in or amendments to the Clean Water Act, such provisions, standards, criteria, or requirements shall apply to the Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project and any attendant agreements, orders, or permits. Ecology will notify SNOPUD through an Administrative Order of any such changes or amendments applicable to Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project.
- G2. When a construction project meets the coverage requirements of the NPDES permit and State Waste Discharge General Permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activity, SNOPUD shall either, at Ecology's discretion, apply for the general permit and comply with the terms and conditions of the permit or apply for and comply with the terms of an individual NPDES permit.
- G3. Discharge of any solid or liquid waste to the waters of the state of Washington without approval from Ecology is prohibited.
- G4. SNOPUD shall obtain Ecology review and approval before undertaking any change to the Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project or its operations that might significantly and adversely affect the water quality or compliance with any applicable water quality standard (including designated uses) or other appropriate requirement of state law.
- G5. The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) requires a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) (under RCW 77.55) for in water work that will use, divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow or bed of state waters. All in-water construction activities or activities resulting in disturbance of the river bed within the project boundaries and scope of Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project shall obtain HPA coverage as required by WDFW prior to commencing work.
- G6. Ecology retains the right, by further Order, to modify schedules or deadlines provided under this Order or provisions it incorporates.
- G7. The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) requires a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) (under RCW 77.55) for in water work that will use, divert, obstruct,

or change the natural flow or bed of state waters. All in-water construction or performance of work that will use, divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow or bed of Calligan Creek within the project boundaries and scope of Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project shall obtain HPA coverage as required by WDFW prior to commencing work.

- G8. This Order does not exempt, and is provisional upon, compliance with other statutes and codes administered by federal, state, and local agencies, including the state's Coastal Zone Management Act.
- G9. Ecology reserves the right to issue orders, assess or seek penalties, and to initiate legal actions in any court or forum of competent jurisdiction for the purposes of enforcing the requirements of this Order. Failure to comply with this Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions, whether administrative or judicial, to enforce the terms of this Order.
- G10. The conditions of this Order shall not be construed to prevent or prohibit SNOPUD from either voluntarily or in response to legal requirements imposed by a court, FERC, or any other body with competent jurisdiction, taking actions which will provide a greater level of protection, mitigation, or enhancement of water quality or of existing or designated uses.
- G11. Copies of this Order and associated permits, licenses, approvals, and other documents shall be kept on the Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project site and made readily available for reference by SNOPUD, its contractors and consultants.
- G12. SNOPUD shall allow Ecology access to inspect the Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project and project records required by this Order for the purpose of monitoring and compliance with its conditions. Access shall occur after reasonable notice, except in emergency circumstances.
- G13. SNOPUD shall, upon request by Ecology, fully respond to all reasonable requests for materials to assist Ecology in making determinations under this Order and any resulting rulemaking or other process.
- G14. Any work that is out of compliance with the provisions of this Order, or project operation conditions that result in distressed, dying or dead fish, or any discharge of oil, fuel, or chemicals into state waters, or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters, or violation of turbidity criteria is prohibited.

#### **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER**

Failure to comply with this Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions, whether administrative or judicial, to enforce the terms of this Order.

In the event of noncompliance, SNOPUD must immediately take the following actions:

- a) Immediately take action to stop, contain, and cleanup unauthorized discharges or otherwise stop the noncompliance, correct the problem and, if applicable, immediately repeat sampling and analysis of any noncompliance.
- b) Assess the cause of the water quality problem and take appropriate measures to correct the cause of the problem and/or prevent further environmental damage.
- c) Observed violations, including any spill, must be reported in the annual monitoring report. Violation report must include nature of the event, corrective action taken and/or planned, steps to be taken to prevent a recurrence, results of any samples taken, and any other pertinent information.

## YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001 (2).

To appeal you must do both of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order:

- a) File your appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- b) Serve a copy of your appeal and this Order on Ecology in paper form – by mail or in person (see addresses below). E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

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

## ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION FOR APPEAL PROCESS

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> 1111 Israel Road SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions about this Order to:

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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Pollution Control Hearings Board Website:** [www.eho.wa.gov/Boards\\_PCHB.aspx](http://www.eho.wa.gov/Boards_PCHB.aspx)

**Chapter 43.21B RCW - Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office – Pollution Control Hearings Board:** <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B>

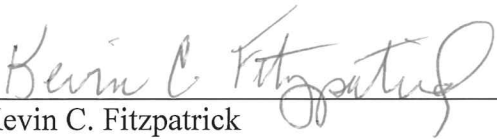
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Water Quality Section Manager  
Water Quality Program  
Northwest Regional Office

January 21, 2015  
Date

**APPENDIX A**  
**RECOMMENDED SPCC PLAN BMPS FOR**  
**CALLIGAN CREEK HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT\***

**Spill Response**

- a) Establish in agreement with the Department of Ecology, site oil spill cleanup material inventory and include an inventory list at each site. Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project operators and any staff required to respond to an oil spill must have input on the inventory levels, type, product brand, and quality of the oil spill cleanup supplies maintained on-site. Purchase good quality spill cleanup supplies.
- b) In the event of an oil spill, properly dispose of used/contaminated materials and oil, and as soon as possible restock new supplies. Include records of proper disposal in the oil consumption records and keep copies of disposal records of contaminated cleanup supplies at the District's office for inspection; provide these records to Ecology immediately upon request.
- c) If applicable, ensure that operational work boats and trained boat operators are available at the project. Install mechanisms as appropriate to safely launch or lower work boats into areas where work boats would be deployed in the event of an oil spill.
- d) Install stair cases, permanent ladders, etc. as applicable allowing for oil spill response staff to safely reach areas anticipated that could, in the event of an oil spill, need to be accessed to deploy sorbent pads and boom materials.

**Oil-Water Separators (OWS)**

- a) Have a maintenance plan for the OWS. This maintenance plan must include a process to periodically inspect and ensure quality assurance that they will work as designed.
- b) OWS shall not include rain or other water run-off, except as designed.
- c) Perform periodic and appropriate maintenance and inspection on a schedule to include cleaning of sediment.
- d) Clean and service the OWS in the event of an oil spill incident where oil is introduced into the OWS.
- e) Evaluate each OWS for inflows to account for a total transformer container failure during a major rain event to ensure that oil would not be "washed through" the OWS during such an event.

**Transformers**

- a) Transformer deck containment area surfaces must be impervious. Conduct periodic inspections and resurfaced areas, fill cracks, caulk metal plate footings, or otherwise ensure that containment areas will contain all spill fluids.
- b) Obtain pre-approval from Ecology before breaching containment areas for reasons other than containment area maintenance.

Remove oil from transformers prior to moving them from the transformer containment area, unless the transformer is continuously monitored during the move. If transformers are moved with oil, keep spill containment equipment handy.

\* Ecology recommends implementing only those BMPs (or equivalents) that are applicable to this project.



## **Sumps**

- a) Locate oil sensors on the surface of the water in each sump, in addition to the oil sensors located at the bottom of each pumping cycle. Inspect and test these sensors annually or sooner if needed to ensure that they will work as designed. Include in the inspection provisions to verify that the oil sensors located at the bottom of each pumping cycle are properly placed at the proper level. Visually inspect these areas each week if oil is suspected to be present, such as in the event of an oil sensor alarm or the observance of an oil or grease spill in the turbine pit of sufficient volume to reach the sump. Any oil detected in the sumps requires immediate Ecology (425-649-7000) and NRC notification and cleanup.
- b) Immediately repair those oil leaks in the turbine pit that are of sufficient volume that can reach the sump and that cannot be placed under a containment pan.
- c) Install handrails and mechanisms so the sump covers can be removed for a visual inspection of the sump. Provide waterproof lighting in the sumps or spotlights adequate to view the surface water in the sumps. Provide a mechanism to satisfactorily deploy and recover sorbent boom in the sumps at each project.

## **Oil, fuel, and chemical storage containers, containment areas, and conveyance systems**

- a) Provide proper containment around each storage container (including transformers) or around a combination of storage containers as appropriate and agreed upon by Ecology. Proper containment equals the volume of the container plus 10 percent.
- b) Recalculate required containment areas to ensure proper containment still exists after major equipment changes. For example, when converting from water cooled transformer to an air cooled unit, recalculate oil volume and compare to containment area. Calculate containment volumes from *maximum* storage volumes, not normal oil level volumes.
- c) Provide external oil level gauges for governor oil tanks, transformers, and other oil tanks that contain over 100 gallons of oil. Provide appropriate level markings for these gauges.
- d) Regularly check all fuel hoses, oil drums, oil or fuel transfer valves and fittings, etc, for drips or leaks. Maintain and properly store them to prevent spills into state waters.
- e) Do not refuel equipment within 50 feet of rivers, creeks, wetlands, or other waters of the state.
- f) When working on transformers and other equipment that might spill or drip oil, provide full oil spill containment capacity plus 10 percent.
- g) Inspect containers once per week. Maintain container inspection sheets to include maximum container volume and an exact reading recording of the oil level by the staff/operator conducting the inspection. Weekly inspection readings must be consistent; provide training to the staff/operator to ensure consistent and accurate readings.
- h) Keep oil consumption records maintained at the District office; provide these records to Ecology immediately upon request.
- i) In the event that any Calligan Project modifies the oil transfer operation to include hard-plumbing to reservoirs such as the governor oil tank from the oil tank room, or other extensive modifications, Ecology notification and approval of such modification should be conducted.



- j) Contain wash water containing oils, grease, or other hazardous materials resulting from wash-down of equipment or working areas for proper disposal, and do not discharge this water into state waters.

**Other**

- a) Identify and map floor drains. Post these maps at the Calligan Project in a conspicuous location for use by operators and other personnel in the event of an oil spill. Seal floor drains that are no longer needed.
- b) Maintain site security at each Calligan Project site to reduce chance of oil spills.
- c) Keep SPCC Plans as required and historical spill records on-site. Provide these to Ecology immediately upon request.

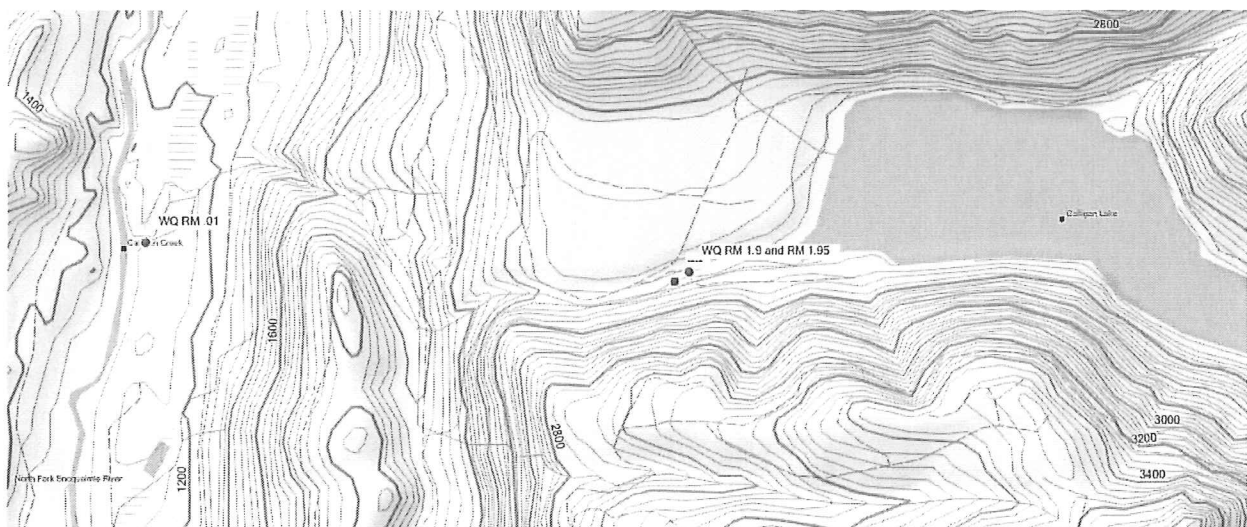
## APPENDIX B

### WATER QUALITY MONITORING - MAPS AND GRAPHS

**Table 9. Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project - During construction water quality parameters' monitoring frequencies and locations**

	Parameter	Work window	Frequency of monitoring
Monitoring location: Approximately River Mile 1.95, (Upstream of weir) Baseline monitoring			
1	Temperature	during construction	Once per week
2	DO	during construction	Once per week
3	Turbidity	during construction	Once per week
4	pH	during construction	Once per week
Monitoring location: Approximately River Mile 1.9 (In bypass reach downstream of weir)			
1	Temperature	during construction	Once per week
2	DO	during construction	Once per week
3	Turbidity	during no in-water work	Once per week
4	Turbidity	during in-water work	Once daily
5	pH	during no in-water work	Once per week
6	pH	during in-water work	Once daily
Monitoring location: Approximately River Mile 0.1 (Downstream of powerhouse)			
1	Temperature	during construction	Once per week
2	DO	during construction	Once per week
3	Turbidity	during no in-water work	Once per week
4	Turbidity	during in-water work	Once daily
5	pH	during no in-water work	Once per week
6	pH	during in-water work	Once daily

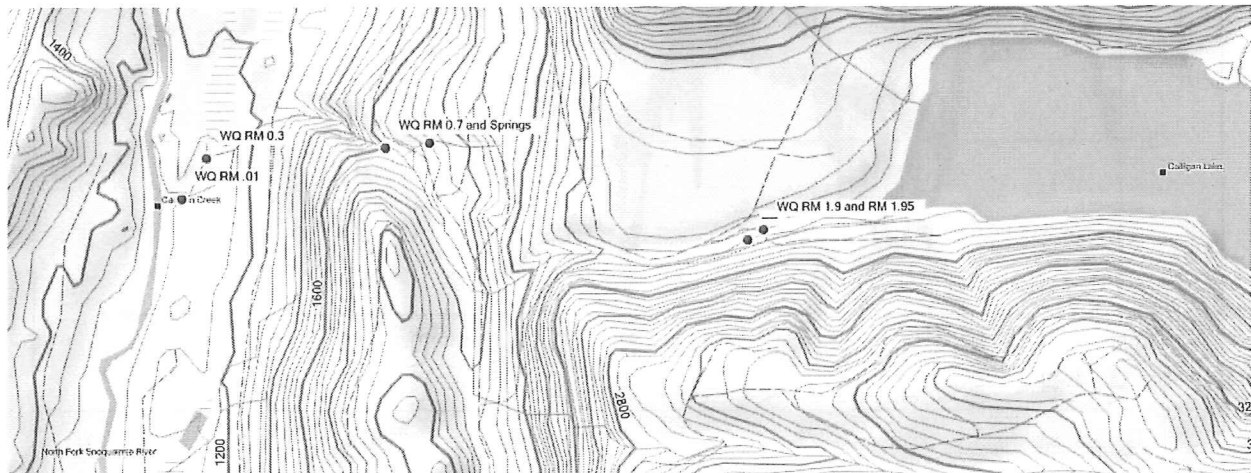
**Figure 1. Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project - Map showing during construction water quality parameters' monitoring locations**



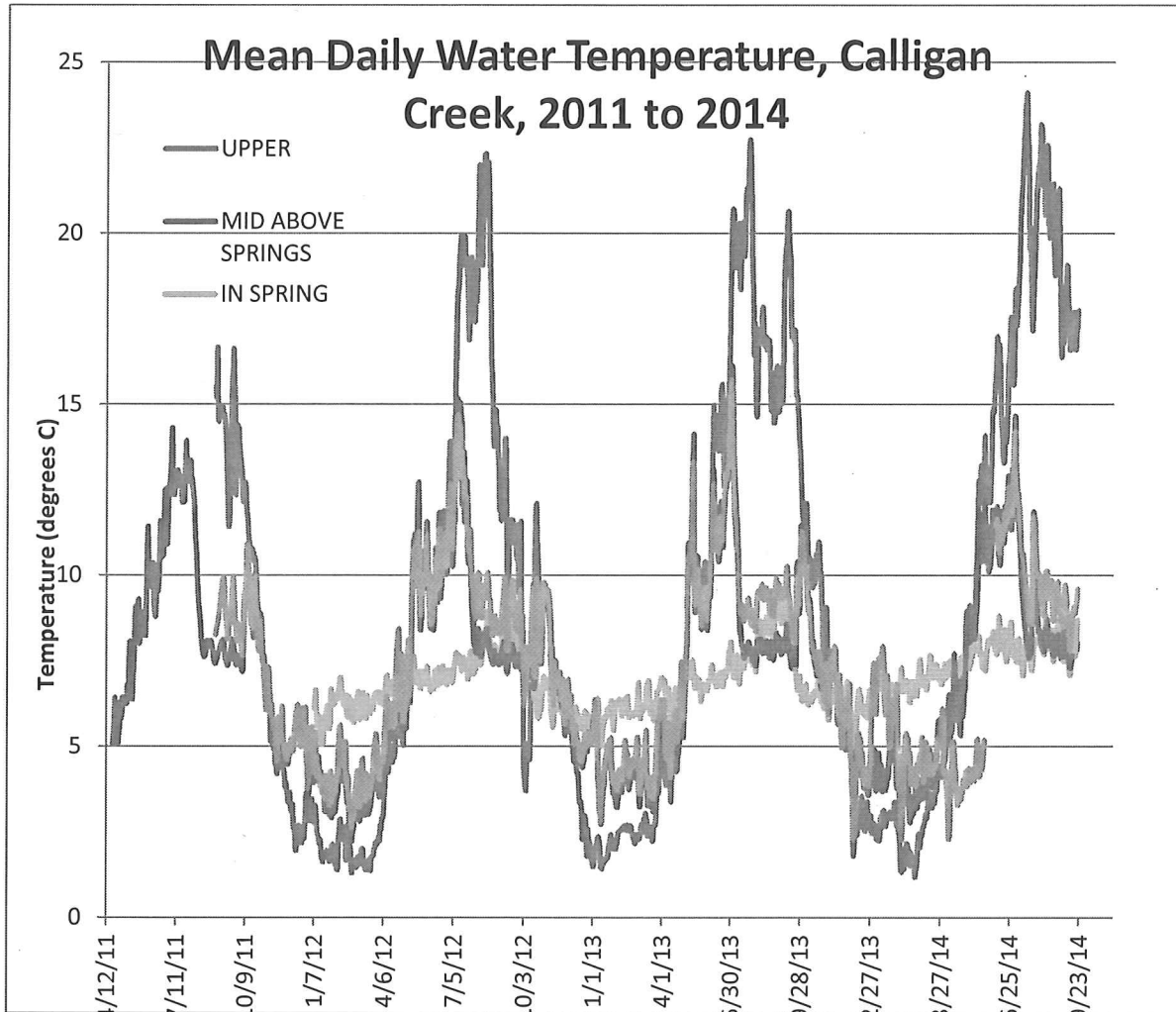
**Table 10. Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project - Post construction water quality monitoring locations and frequencies.**

Parameter	Upstream of Intake (River Mile [RM] 1.95)	Downstream of Intake (River Mile [RM] 1.90)	Bypass Reach (downstream of springs) (RM 0.7)	Springs	Upstream of Powerhouse in bypass reach (RM 0.3)	Downstream of Powerhouse (RM 0.1)	Frequency
Temperature	X	X	X	X	X	X	Continuous
Turbidity					X		Continuous during December and January
Flow & stage		X	X				Real time and continuous
Stage only						X	Real time and continuous

**Figure 2. Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project - Map showing post construction water quality monitoring locations.**



**Figure 3. Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project mean daily water temperature prior to construction from 2011-2014**



## APPENDIX C

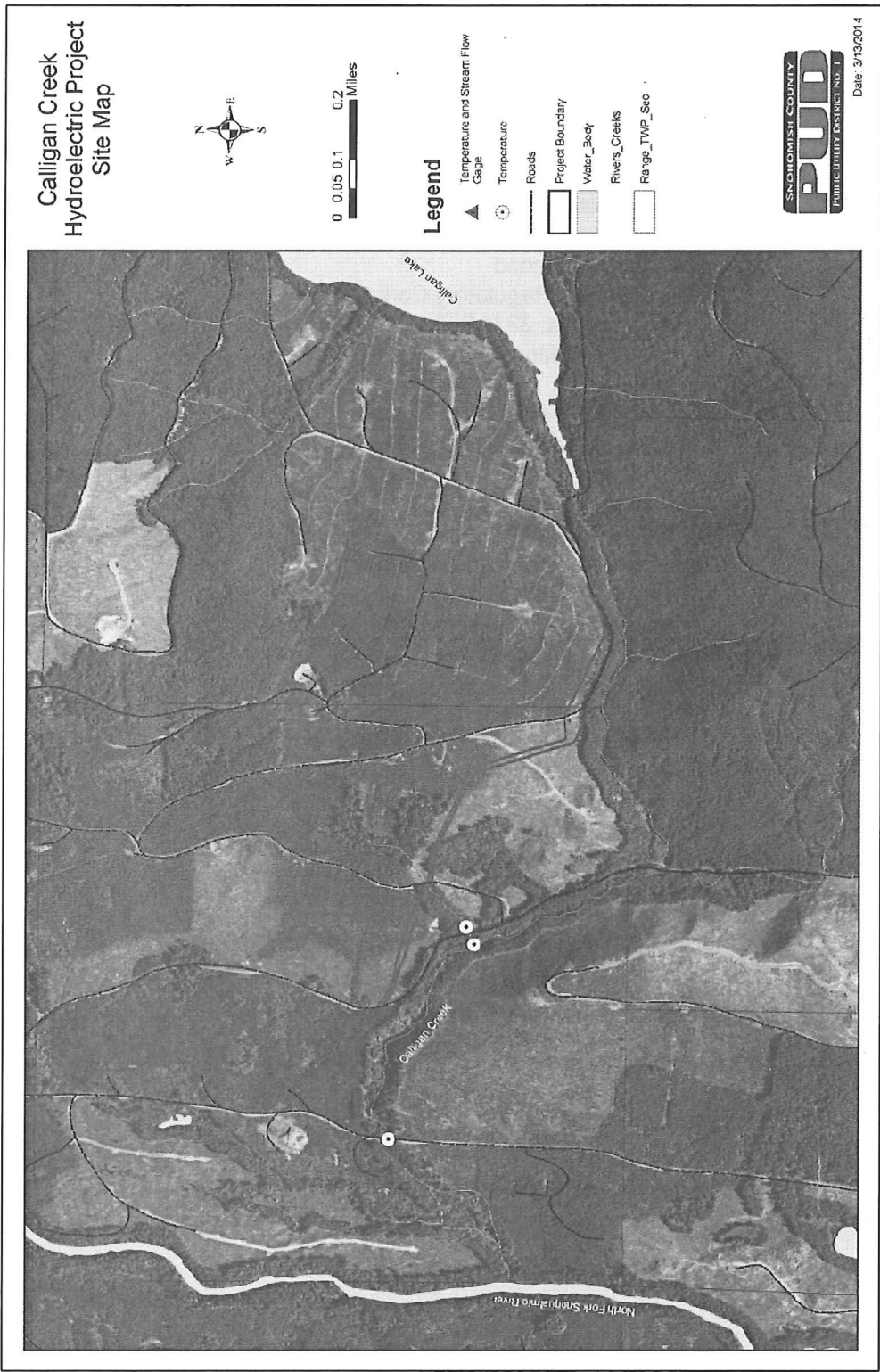
### ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS FOR CALLIGAN CREEK HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

401 Certification	Water quality certification pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1341, issued by WDOE.
7-DADMax	7-day average of the daily maximum temperatures
AKART	all known, available, and reasonable technologies
ARC	Aquatic Resource Committee
°C	degrees Celsius
certification	Section 401 water quality certification
cfs	cubic feet per second
Commission	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
CWA	Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 <i>et seq.</i>
CZMA	Coastal Zone Management Act
City	City of Everett
Department	Department of Ecology
District	Snohomish Public Utility District
DO	dissolved oxygen
DOE	Department of Ecology
EA	environmental assessment
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FLA	Final Licensing Application
HPA	Hydraulic Project Approval
HTRG	Hancock Timber Resource Group
Calligan Project	Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project
kW	Kilowatt
Licensee	Snohomish Public Utility District
LWD	large woody debris
mgd	million gallons per day
mg/L	milligrams per liter
MW	Megawatt
MWh	megawatt-hour
NTU	nephelometric turbidity unit
Project	Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project
RCW	Revised Code of Washington
RM	river mile
TRMP	Terrestrial Resources Management Program
WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
WQPP	Water Quality Protection Plan
WRIA	Water Resource Inventory Area

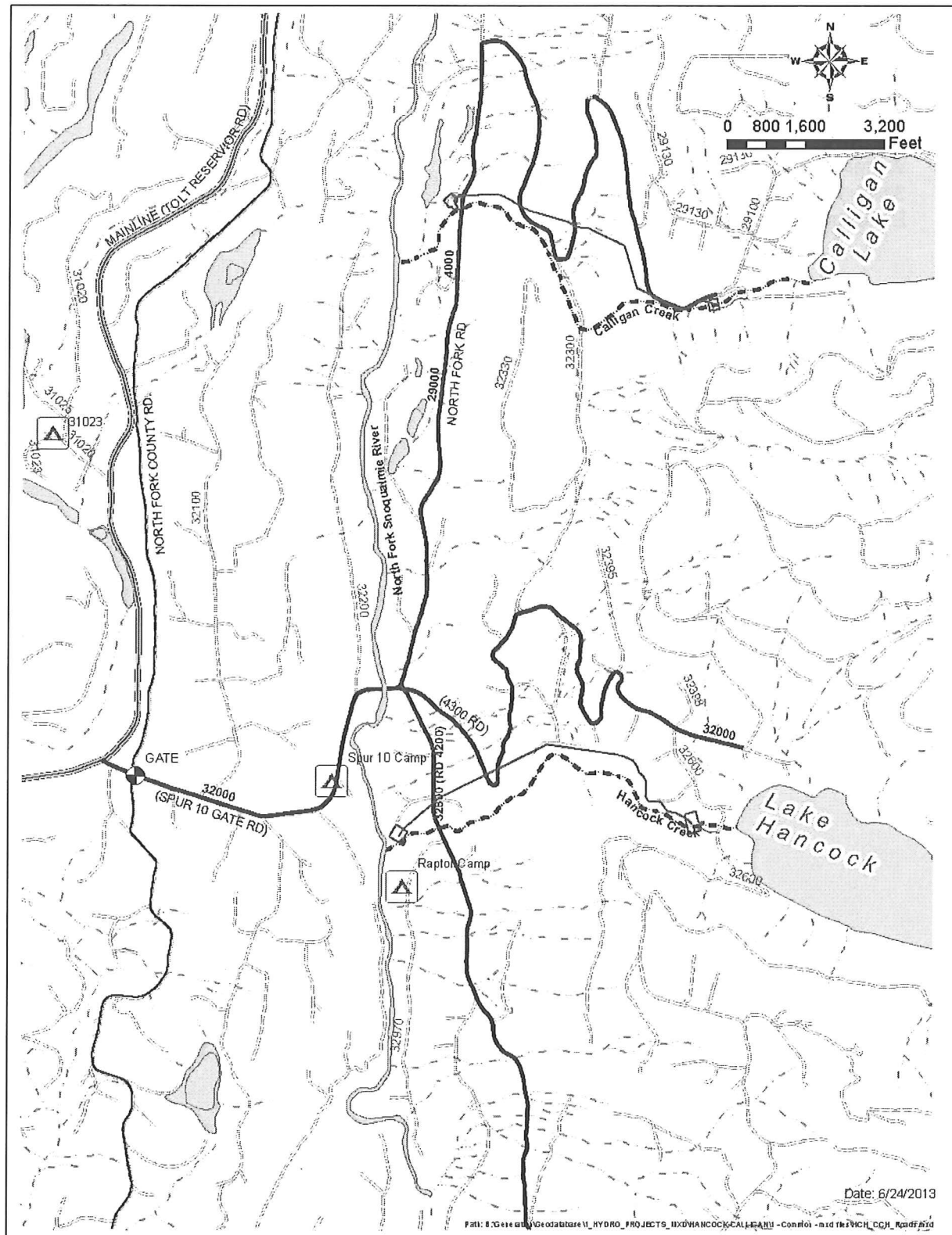
APPENDIX D

MAPS AND FIGURES FOR CALLIGAN CREEK HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

Figure 4. Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project site map and stream monitoring locations



**Figure 5. Road access, water bodies in vicinity and project facilities for Calligan Creek Hydroelectric Project**





**APPENDIX E**  
**SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

Refer to the specific section for submittals related details. Unless indicated otherwise, submittals shall be sent to:

Monika Kannadaguli  
401 Hydropower Certification Manager  
Department of Ecology  
Northwest Regional Office  
Water Quality Section  
3190 160th Avenue SE  
Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

**APPENDIX F**  
**SUMMARY OF CALLIGAN PROJECT FEATURES**

Location of Intake: Calligan Creek, RM 1.9 Sec. 32, T25N, R9E, WM

Diversion Weir:

Length	45 feet
Crest Elevation*	2,224 feet
Normal Water Surface Elevation	2,224 feet
Maximum Height	8.0 feet

Intake Structure:

Width	24 feet
Length	47 feet
Minimum Wetted Area of Fish Screens	220 sq feet
Access Deck Elevation	2,257 feet

Penstock:

Penstock Length (45 inches)	2,300 feet
Penstock Length (41 inches)	4,000 feet
Tailrace Length	135 feet

Location of Powerhouse:

Calligan Creek, RM 0.2  
Sec. 31, T25N, R9E  
Latitude N47° 36' 30"  
Longitude W121° 37' 42"

Power Plant:

Generator/Turbine Floor	1,189 feet
Number of units	1
Type	2 Jet Horizontal Pelton
Total Plant Capacity	6.0 MW

Rating:

Flow	88 cfs
Gross Head	1,035
Horsepower	8,043
Centerline of Turbine	1,186

Transmission Line: New Construction:

Voltage	34.5 kV
Length	2.5 miles
Type	Underground

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, WA		
Noncompliance Notification Form		
(Report only ONE noncompliance per form)		
1. FERC #:	2. Date of reporting (mm/dd/yy):	
3. Licensee Name:	4. Date of noncompliance (mm/dd/yy):	
5. Ecology 401 certification Order#:	6. Time of noncompliance (mm/dd/yy):	
7. Facility Name and Address:		
	Parameter	Monitoring Results
8. Type of noncompliance (write only one parameter per form, for more than one parameter violation use another form)		
9. Location of noncompliance (if applicable):		
10. Impacted water body (if applicable):		
11. Description of noncompliance (attach additional sheets if required):		
12. Probable cause of noncompliance, if known (attach additional sheets if required):		
13. List all the steps taken to correct the noncompliance and prevent reoccurrence (attach additional sheets if required):		
14. Have you provided follow-up compliance monitoring data (Yes or No):		
15a. If the noncompliance has been corrected (Yes or No):		
15b. If you answered "No" for 14., give the anticipated time required for correction:		
16. Other Comments:		
Mail to: Department of Ecology, Northwest Regional Office, Water Quality, 3190 160th Ave SE Bellevue, WA 98008		
I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete.		
Name and Title of Principal Executive Officer or Authorized Agent	Signature	
Reference all attachments here:	( )-	
	Phone Number	

## **APPENDIX C**

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### *Consultation Documentation*

**From:** Applegate, Brock A (DFW) <Brock.Applegate@dfw.wa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2016 9:03 AM  
**To:** Spahr, Jessica; Kannadaguli, Monika (ECY); Tim Romanski  
**Cc:** Presler, Dawn  
**Subject:** RE: Calligan Creek Hydro Project: Operations Compliance Monitoring Plan Review  
**Attachments:** Operations Compliance Monitoring Plan Draft.pdf

Hi Jessica, I have one comment to the Monitoring Plan. In Article 405, Operation Compliance Monitoring Plan (3), The license lists the need for an implementation schedule. In general, SnoPUD has referred to some actions in the narrative. SnoPUD may want to make a list of more specific actions with a timetable for the implementation schedule to make the schedule easier to read.

Thanks for the chance to review.

Sincerely, Brock

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**Cc:** Presler, Dawn  
**Subject:** Calligan Creek Hydro Project: OCMP Review

Dear Consultation Parties,

Attached for your review and comment is the draft Operation Compliance Monitoring Plan (OCMP) for the Calligan Creek Hydro Project, FERC No. 13948. The District is seeking consultation on the OCMP in accordance with License Article 405, which is included as Attachment A to the draft plan. The other attachments will be included with the final plan. Please respond with any comments from your agency by **Friday, May 6, 2016**. Feel free to contact me or Dawn Presler ([djpresler@snopud.com](mailto:djpresler@snopud.com)) with any questions.

Thank you,

**Jessica Spahr**  
Senior Utility Analyst  
Natural Resources – Generation Division  
Snohomish County PUD

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No.	Stakeholder Comments	District Response
<b>B. Applegate, WDFW, email dated 5/6/2016</b>		
1.	In Article 405, Operation Compliance Monitoring Plan (3), The license lists the need for an implementation schedule. In general, SnoPUD has referred to some actions in the narrative. SnoPUD may want to make a list of more specific actions with a timetable for the implementation schedule to make the schedule easier to read.	A table summarizing compliance provisions was added to Section 7 of the OCMP.