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Mr. Toby Coenen
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Reference: NWS-2020-594
Sammamish, City of
Public Works Department
(George Davis Creek Fish
Passage Project)

Dear Mr. Coenen:

We have reviewed your application to replace a 60-inch diameter culvert with a 17-foot wide box culvert, remove an upstream diversion weir, and daylight and realign a currently piped portion of George Davis Creek to restore fish passage at Sammamish, Washington. Based on the information you provided to us, Nationwide Permit (NWP) 27, *Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Enhancement, and Establishment Activities* (Federal Register December 27, 2021 Vol. 86, No. 245), authorizes your proposal as depicted on the enclosed drawings dated June 2020.

In order for this authorization to be valid, you must ensure the work is performed in accordance with the enclosed *NWP 27, Terms and Conditions* and the following special conditions:

a. In order to meet the requirements of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) programmatic consultation Fish Passage and Restoration Actions in Washington State (FPRP III) (National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Reference Number WCRO-2014-00004), you must implement and abide by the ESA requirements and/or agreements set forth in the Biological Opinion (BO) dated June 21, 2017, and the Project Information Form dated September 1, 2020 in the enclosed document Appendix A: FPRP III Guidelines and Implementation Forms (NMFS Reference Number WCRO-2014-00004-2272). The BO is available on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) website (Permit Guidebook, Endangered Species, Programmatic Consultations, Fish Passage and Restoration Programmatic Consultations). Within 45 days of completing the permitted work in

waters of the U.S., you must provide the Corps the information requested in the FPRP Action Completion Reporting Form in the enclosed document Appendix A: FPRP III Guidelines and Implementation Forms. If fish salvage occurs as part of your project, you must also provide the Corps the information requested in the FPRP Fish Salvage Reporting Form in the enclosed document Appendix A: FPRP III Guidelines and Implementation Forms, within 45 days of completing the permitted work in waters of the U.S. All information must prominently display the reference number NWS-2020-594. Failure to comply with these requirements constitutes non-compliance with the ESA and your Corps permit. The NMFS is the appropriate authority to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of their BO and with the ESA. If you cannot comply with the terms and conditions of this programmatic consultation, you must, prior to commencing construction, contact the Corps, Seattle District, Regulatory Branch for an individual consultation in accordance with the requirements of the ESA and/or the MSA.

b. In order to meet the requirements of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) 2008 Fish Passage and Restoration Programmatic Consultation (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Reference Number 1341-2008-FWS-#F-0209), you must comply with the conditions included in the Specific Project Information Form, dated June 16, 2020 (USFWS Reference Number 01EWF00-2020-TA-1731). If you cannot comply with the terms and conditions of this programmatic consultation, you must, prior to commencing construction, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District, Regulatory Branch for an individual consultation in accordance with the requirements of the ESA.

c. Incidents where any individuals of fish species, marine mammals and/or sea turtles listed by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries (NOAA Fisheries) under the Endangered Species Act appear to be injured or killed as a result of discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. or structures or work in navigable waters of the U.S. authorized by this Nationwide Permit verification shall be reported to NOAA Fisheries, Office of Protected Resources at (301) 713-1401 and the Regulatory Office of the Seattle District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (206) 764-3495. The finder should leave the animal alone, make note of any circumstances likely causing the death or injury, note the location and number of individuals involved and, if possible, take photographs. Adult animals should not be disturbed unless circumstances arise where they are obviously injured or killed by discharge exposure or some unnatural cause. The finder may be asked to carry out instructions provided by NOAA Fisheries to collect specimens or take other measures to ensure that evidence intrinsic to the specimen is preserved.

d. In order to meet the requirements of the Endangered Species Act you may conduct the authorized activities from July 1 through August 15 in any year this permit is valid. You shall not conduct work authorized by this permit from August 16 through June 30 in any year this permit is valid.

e. You shall implement and abide by the Restoration Plan shown on Sheets 10 through 12 of the project drawings, dated June 2020. To ensure the project results in a net increase in aquatic resource functions and services, an as-built report and drawings shall be submitted within six months of project completion. This report should state if any adaptive management is required to ensure a net increase in aquatic resource functions; if this work would require additional impacts to waters of the U.S., you must wait for approval by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District, Regulatory Branch, before commencing that work. The as-built report must prominently display the reference number NWS-2020-594.

f. You shall implement and abide by the *George Davis Creek Fish Passage Project Monitoring and Inadvertent Discovery Plan* dated May 19, 2021. A professional archaeologist shall be on-site to monitor for the presence of archaeological resources during all ground disturbing activities.

g. You shall prepare and submit a summary report of the findings of the archaeological monitoring (positive or negative) to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District, Regulatory Branch within 60 days after monitoring has been completed. The report must prominently display the reference number NWS-2020-594.

h. If human remains, historic resources, or archaeological resources are encountered during construction, all ground disturbing activities shall cease in the immediate area and you shall immediately (within one business day of discovery) notify the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Seattle District, Regulatory Branch. You shall perform any work required by the Corps in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Corps regulations.

Please note that National General Condition 21, *Discovery of Previously Unknown Remains and Artifacts*, found in the *Nationwide Permit Terms and Conditions* enclosure, details procedures that must be followed should an inadvertent discovery occur. You must ensure that you comply with this condition during the construction of your project.

We have reviewed your project pursuant to the requirements of the Endangered Species Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. We have determined this project complies with the requirements of these laws provided you comply with all of the permit general and special conditions.

The authorized work complies with the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Water Quality Certification (WQC) requirements and Coastal Zone Management (CZM) consistency determination response for this NWP. No further coordination with Ecology for WQC and CZM is required.

You have not requested a jurisdictional determination for this proposed project. If you believe the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does not have jurisdiction over all or portions of your project you may request a preliminary or approved jurisdictional determination (JD). If one is requested, please be aware that we may require the submittal of additional information to complete the JD and work authorized in this letter may not occur until the JD has been completed.

Our verification of this NWP authorization is valid until March 14, 2026, unless the NWP is modified, reissued, or revoked prior to that date. If the authorized work for the NWP authorization has not been completed by that date and you have commenced or are under contract to commence this activity before March 14, 2026, you will have until March 14, 2027, to complete the activity under the enclosed terms and conditions of this NWP. Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this NWP verification invalidates this authorization and could result in a violation of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. You must also obtain all local, State, and other Federal permits that apply to this project.

Upon completing the authorized work, you must fill out and return the enclosed *Certificate of Compliance with Department of the Army Permit*. Thank you for your cooperation during the permitting process. We are interested in your experience with our Regulatory Program and encourage you to complete a customer service survey. These documents and information about our program are available on our website at www.nws.usace.army.mil, select "Regulatory Branch, Permit Information" and then "Contact Us." A copy of this letter with enclosures will be furnished to Mr. Bill Mavros at bmavros@48northsolutions.com. If you have any questions, please contact me at brandon.c.clinton@usace.army.mil or (206) 316-3164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Clinton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brandon Clinton, Project Manager
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures