

WSR 22-14-093

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Announcing the Reissuance of the Boatyard General permit**

The Washington state department of ecology (ecology) is reissuing the Boatyard National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and state waste discharge general permit (permit) on July 20, 2022. The permit becomes effective on September 1, 2022, and expires on August 31, 2027.

**Purpose of the Permit:** The permit addresses various legal requirements and responsibilities, and regulates the discharge of pollutants to protect water quality in Washington state. This permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater runoff and wastewater from boatyards. The permit is a combined NPDES and permit that limits the discharge of pollutants to surface waters under the authority of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251) and limits the discharge of pollutants to surface and groundwater under the authority of the State Water Pollution Control Act (chapter 90.48 RCW).

**Public Notice Process and Comments:** Ecology accepted public comments on the draft permit and fact sheet from March 3, 2021, *through* April 16, 2021. Ecology held informational public workshops and hearings during this time via online statewide webinars on April 12, 2021, and April 13, 2021. Ecology received written public comments and emails. The comments and ecology's responses are included as Appendix D of the fact sheet.

**Copies of the Permit:** The final permit, fact sheet, and response to comments are available online at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Boatyard-general-permit>. You may request hard copies from Matthew Tietjen at [matthew.tietjen@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:matthew.tietjen@ecy.wa.gov) or 360-407-6401.

**Applying for Coverage Under the Permit:** Your boatyard facility covered under the existing permit that reapplied for permit coverage will be covered under the new permit. New or unpermitted boatyards may obtain coverage under the permit by submitting a complete permit application to ecology and satisfying all applicable public notice and State Environmental Policy Act requirements (WAC 173-226-200). The application is available online at <https://secureaccess.wa.gov>.

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**Assistance for Persons with Disabilities:** To request ADA accommodation for disabilities, call ecology at 360-407-7285 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. People with impaired hearing may call Washington relay service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

**En Español:** Para información en español, por favor comuníquese con James Hovis al 564-999-3244 o [James.Hovis@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:James.Hovis@ecy.wa.gov).

**Your Right to Appeal:** You have a right to appeal the final general permit and general permit coverage for a specific facility to the pollution control hearings board. The appeal process is governed by chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.

- Appeals of the general permit issuance must be filed **within 30 days of issuance** of the general permit. See the *Appeal of the*

*General Permit Focus Sheet* for more information at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/1710009.pdf>.

- Appeals of general permit coverage for a specific facility must be filed **within 30 days of the effective date of coverage**. See the *Appeal of a General Permit Coverage Focus Sheet* for more information at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/1710007.pdf>.

If you have questions, please contact James Hovis at [James.Hovis@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:James.Hovis@ecy.wa.gov) or 564-999-3244.