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Permit Number: WAG994131
Site Name: Thurston County Lake
Management Districts, Thurston County

RE: Reissuance of Coverage under the Aquatic Plant and Algae Management General Permit

Dear Jennifer Freiheit:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received your application to renew coverage under the Aquatic Plant and Algae Management General Permit (APAM permit). The updated permit was reissued on February 18, 2026, and goes into effect on March 20, 2026. Ecology is renewing your coverage under the new APAM permit effective March 20, 2026. **Retain this letter with your permit documents. It is part of the official record of permit coverage.**

You may view and download the APAM permit, forms, and supporting documents from [Ecology's APAM website](#)¹.

Please take time to read the entire permit. It contains the requirements you must follow to maintain compliance. Some significant changes in the permit include:

- adding two new active ingredients (triclopyr choline and iron bound lanthanum),
- adding notifications to fish hatcheries and public water systems,
- more monitoring for phosphorus control products, and the ability to request modified monitoring requirements,
- a list of approved adjuvants on the permit web page, so it stays current.

Contact Shawn Ultican (email and phone number listed at the end of this letter) if you have questions about the APAM permit, or if you would like to receive a hard copy.

Treatment Timing Window

Ecology conditions permit coverages for some active ingredients to set allowed treatment periods for mitigating impacts to salmonids and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) priority habitats and species. To determine which active ingredients are subject to Treatment

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/permits-certifications/aquatic-pesticide-permits/aquatic-plant-algae-management>

Timing Windows, see APAM permit condition S4.D, Table 2. Current Treatment Timing Windows are available through [WDFW's Timing Window Map](#)². Permittees must comply with treatment timing windows established by WDFW, or modifications approved by Ecology.

Permit Fees

State law (RCW 90.48.465) requires that all Permittees pay an annual permit fee based upon the state fiscal year. The state fiscal year begins each year on July 1, and ends on June 30 the following year. Ecology mails permit fee bills to all Permittees annually. Permittees that have permit coverage on or after July 1 will receive a permit fee bill for coverage with the state fiscal year. If you would like more information on the permit fee process, contact the Water Quality Program Permit Fee Administrator at 1-800-633-6193, Option 2, or by email at wqfeeunit@ecy.wa.gov.

Appeal

The issuance of permit coverage may be appealed within 30-days of receiving this letter as detailed in the Appeal of General Permit Coverage focus sheet, which you may view and download from [Ecology's website](#)³. Any appeal is limited to the applicability or non-applicability of the permit to a specific discharger.

Questions and Permit Technical Assistance

If you have questions about this letter, or you have questions or need more information about APAM permit requirements, please contact Shawn Ultican at Shawn.Ultican@ecy.wa.gov or 360-870-3492.

Sincerely,



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² <https://wdfw.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=209a50c17c714c49b1e962852bcfd816>

³ <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/1710007.pdf>