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May 1, 2020

Kyle Steelhammer
Northwest Aquatic Management
9727 Hwy 12 West #369
Rochester, WA 98579

Permit Number: WAG994465
Site Name: Spencer Lake, whole lake
coverage

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

Dear Kyle Steelhammer:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received your application for coverage under the Aquatic Plant and Algae Management General Permit (APAM permit). Ecology is issuing you coverage under the APAM permit as of April 23, 2020. **Retain this letter with your permit documents. It is part of the official record of permit coverage.**

A copy of the APAM permit, forms, and supporting documents may be viewed and downloaded at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Aquatic-pesticide-permits/Aquatic-plant-algae-management>.

Please take time to read the entire permit. It contains the requirements you must follow to maintain compliance. Contact James Hovis (email and phone number listed below) if you have questions about the APAM permit, or would like to receive a hard copy.

Treatment Timing Window

Ecology is conditioning this permit coverage for some active ingredients to set allowed treatment periods for mitigating impacts to salmonids and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife priority habitats and species using Treatment Timing Windows. For this coverage, the Treatment Timing Windows are:

Waterbody Treatment Timing
Window:

July 15 to October 31, dates inclusive.

To determine which active ingredients are subject to Treatment Timing Windows see permit condition S4.D, Table 3. All current Treatment Timing Windows are available here: <https://ecology.wa.gov/DOE/files/fa/fa8057b6-6ffb-4191-9170-e5cb31f05331.pdf>

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Rare Plant Mitigation

The APAM permit contains requirements to survey for and mitigate for impacts to rare (sensitive, threatened, or endangered) plants if a rare plant species is present at the waterbody being treated and may be impacted by treatment. For this coverage, Ecology has identified the presence of a rare plant based upon Department of Natural Resource Natural Heritage Program information.

Rare Plant: *Lobelia dortmanna*

Follow special condition S9

More information about the rare plant in this waterbody may be found at:

<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/NHPfieldguide>.

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 June 30 the following year. Ecology mails permit fee bills to all Permittees annually. Permittees that have permit coverage on July 1 will receive a permit fee bill. If you would like more information on the permit fee process, contact the Water Quality Program Permit Fee Administrator at (360) 407-6425.

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 may be viewed and downloaded at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/1710007.pdf>.

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 James Hovis at (360) 407-6588 or

jhov461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Carrie A. Graul

On behalf of Section Manager

Program Development Services Section

Water Quality Program