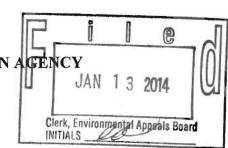
ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION A WASHINGTON, D.C.



		Clerk, Environ INITIALS
In re:)	
Joint Base Lewis-McChord)	NPDES Appeal No. 13-09
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System)	
NPDES Permit No. WAS-026638)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO PARTICIPATE AS AMICUS

By motion filed on January 9, 2014, American Rivers, Puget Soundkeeper Alliance, Washington Environmental Counsel, and Natural Resources Defense Council (collectively, "Conservation Amici"), request leave to participate as amicus curiae in the above-captioned matter and to file a single joint amicus brief. *See* Unopposed Motion for Leave to Participate as Amicus ("Motion"). The Motion states that the Conservation Amici "have a long-standing interest in Clean Water Act permitting for municipal storm sewer systems, and have participated extensively in stormwater control and permitting education and advocacy programs, in Washington State as well as the nation generally." Motion at 1-2. the Motion states further:

While the parties to this motion share a common interest with EPA in defending the challenged [permit] provisions * * *, they represent individual and organizational members whose interests are not adequately represented by EPA. In fact, Conservation Amici often find themselves advocating for more effective stormwater regulation, and sometimes in an adversarial relationship, such as litigation, with EPA. Accordingly, Conservation Amici request leave to participate in this appeal to protect the interests of their members, and believe that the perspective of their organizations will be relevant to the Board's deliberations.

Id. at 2. Conservation Amici represent that neither U.S. EPA Region 10, the permit issuer, nor the U.S. Department of the Army, the petitioner in this matter, oppose the Motion.

Upon consideration, the Motion is **GRANTED**. The joint amicus brief must be filed¹ with the Board no later than January 30, 2014.²

So ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

Dated:

January 13, 2014

Sy: //w// / Catherine R. McCabe
Environmental Appeals Judge

¹ Documents are "filed" with the Environmental Appeals Board on the date they are *received*. 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(i).

² The deadline for U.S. EPA Region 10 to file its response brief to the petition for review in this matter is January 15, 2014. The deadline for filing amicus briefs is 15 days after the filing of the response brief. 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(e).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Order Granting Motion to Participate as Amicus in the matter of Joint Base Lewis-McChord Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, NPDES Appeal No. 13-09, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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