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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Ken Berg, Manager  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Washington Fish and Wildlife Office  
510 Desmond Drive Southeast, Suite 102  
Lacey, Washington 98503

AUG 26 2013

Re: Joint Base Lewis-McChord Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System  
NPDES Permit #WAS-026638, *USFWS Reference #01EWF00-2013-1-0271*

Dear Mr. Berg:

We have issued the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The enclosed document authorizes stormwater discharges from the Joint Base Lewis-McChord MS4 to Clover Creek, Puget Sound, and other receiving waters indicated in the permit. Also enclosed is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's response to the comments received on the draft permit during the public notice period.

In response to the conservation recommendation outlined in your letter regarding this permit, dated June 20, 2013, we have revised the required monitoring of the JBLM Canal; based on further discussion with JBLM, Part IV.A.6 of the final permit now includes more robust provisions intended to collect reliable information about the quality of water flowing through the Canal prior to the expiration date of the permit. Responses to other USFWS comments regarding other permit provisions can be found in the enclosed response to comments document.

This letter serves as service of notice under 40 CFR §124.19(a). The service of notice date for this permit, in accordance with 40 CFR §124.19(a) and 40 CFR 124.20, is August 28, 2013. The permit will become effective on the date indicated in the permit (October 1, 2013), unless a timely appeal meeting the requirements of 40 CFR §124.19 is received by the Environmental Appeals Board. Information about the administrative appeal process may be obtained on-line at <http://www.epa.gov/eab> or by contacting the Clerk of the Environmental Appeals Board at (202) 233-0122.

Please feel free to contact me at (206) 553-1855, or have your staff contact Misha Vakoc at 206-553-6650 or email at [vakoc.misha@epa.gov](mailto:vakoc.misha@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

*Paula van Haagen for*

Daniel D. Opalski, Director  
Office of Water and Watersheds

Enclosures

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