

Boatyard Committee and Permit Discuss

June 14, 2022

9: 00 AM via Zoom

Attendees

9:00 Jay Jennings brought the meeting to order and welcomed the 26+ participants. Jay described recent interactions with the Department of Ecology and the fact that they reached out to ask for our review of the new Boat Yard General Permit developed in response to NMTA's coalition letter addressing significant concerns. Jay reviewed broad asks in the comment letter about dilution factors, benchmarks, and response plan timelines and shared that the department had moved in a favorable direction on each compared to the 2021 permit draft. Jay conveyed that the new permit is planned to be released in writing on July 7, 2022, with a September 1, effective date.

9:15 Jay introduced Brad Doll, counsel with Tupper Mack Wells

9:15-9:45 Brad shared the long history around the Boat Yard General Permit, the interplay with the Industrial Stormwater Discharge Permit, and described the most recent and near final proposal from the Department. Including these copper benchmarks.

Current Copper Benchmarks (BMs)	Proposed BMs and Dilution Factors (DF)
50 ug/L seasonal 147 ug/L maximum daily	Marine: 44 ug/L (DF: 14) Tidally influenced stream: 36 ug/L (DF: 13) * Western WA stream w/o tidal influence: 45 ug/L (DF: 16) Eastern WA stream w/o tidal influence: 60 ug/L (DF: 16) Lakes: 32 ug/L (DF: 11)

Brad went on to describe other changes within the permit relating establishing dilution factors, the annual reset for exceedances, effluent limits, and the change in the Discharge Monitor Reporting schedule.

9:45 – 10:10 Brad responded to several questions related to process, science, options going forward, and more detail around the verbally described permit being put for by the Department of Ecology.

10:15 Jay adjourned the meeting suggesting that the next meeting of this group be mid- to late July after members had time to review the written permit (July 7) and share reactions.