



US Army Corps
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Public Notice of Application for Permit

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Reference No.: NWS-2017-1042
Name: Seattle City Light (Metaline
Waterfront Park Improvements)

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, for certain work described below and shown on the enclosed drawings dated May 31, 2017.

APPLICANT: Seattle City Light
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LOCATION: In the Pend Oreille River near Metaline, Pend Oreille County, Washington.

WORK: There are five in water project elements at the proposed project site. The works is as follows:

Dredging: Dredge no more than 2,500 cubic yards of sediment over 34,350 sq. ft of the Pend Oreille River. Dredge material will be disposed in an approved upland location. Dredging would be performed to from 1982-1981 NAVD with up to 1-foot of over-depth dredging. Work will be completed with a barge-mounted small to medium clamshell.

Boat Ramp: Replace the existing boat ramp and construct a new 20 feet wide x 190 feet long single lane concrete boat ramp with 12 foot extension of rip-rap toe protection at the end of the proposed ramp. The boat ramp will consist of cast in place and pre-cast concrete panels. The cut for the boat ramp will be 107 cubic yards over 2,567 sq. ft. and the fill for the boat ramp base will be 376 cubic yards over 6,352 sq. ft.

Boat Ramp Float System: Install a new ADA-compliant float system on the downstream side and parallel with the new boat ramp. The float will consist of a eight 20 foot long by 8 foot wide sections on aluminum frames. Eight foot wide articulated concrete block mats (ACBM) will be placed under the float sections abutting the boat ramp for the entire length of the ramp.

Scour Protection: Place 178 cubic yards of 3-inch to 8-inch angular rock below the Ordinary High Water Mark for 70 linear feet on both sides of the boat ramp.

Kayak Launch: Construct a 5foot wide by 167 foot long kayak launch comprised of pre-cast concrete panels with a gravel sub base.

PURPOSE: To meet Seattle City Light's FERC project license for the Boundary Hydroelectric Project by providing water based recreation improvements as required in the Boundary Project Recreation Resources Management Plan (RRMP).

Copies of this public notice which have been mailed or otherwise physically distributed feature project drawings in black and white. The electronic version features those drawings in color, which we think more accurately communicates the scope of project impacts. To access the electronic version of this public notice, go to the Seattle District's web page at <http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/> and under the heading Open Public Comment Periods select Regulatory Public Notices. Recently-issued public notices are listed in chronological order of the date of issuance. Select and view the listing for this project.

MITIGATION: As mitigation for the impacts associated with the construction of the new boat launch system, the applicant submitted a mitigation plan that proposes to vegetate an ~100 ft. by 10 ft. (1,000 sq. ft.) section of the shoreline on the deltaic lobe south of Linton Creek and north of the boat launch which lacks native shoreline vegetation. Live stakes of willow (*Salix sp.*), Red-osier Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*), and Black Cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa*) will be planted from 1 – 2 feet below normal full pool elevation to the top of the bank.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, as the lead agency for ESA consultation, will consult with USFWS as required under Section 7 of the ESA.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, as the lead agency for determining compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and Native American Tribes as appropriate.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess

impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether authorizing the work would not be contrary to the public interest. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. All e-mail comments should be sent to dale.j.jordan@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington, 98124-3755. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commenter's name, address, and phone number. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration. Please include the following name and reference number:

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