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INTERIM APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in the Interim Approved Jurisdictional Determination Form User Manual.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (AJD): 6 September 2018

B. ORM NUMBER IN APPROPRIATE FORMAT (e.g., HQ-2015-00001-SMJ): NWS-2015-413

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: WA County/parish/borough: Clark City: Ridgefield

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. , Long.

Map(s)/diagram(s) of review area (including map identifying single point of entry (SPOE) watershed and/or potential jurisdictional areas where applicable) is/are: attached in report/map titled

Other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc.) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different jurisdictional determination (JD) form. List JD form ID numbers (e.g., HQ-2015-00001-SMJ-1):

D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION:

Office (Desk) Determination Only. Date:

Office (Desk) and Field Determination. Office/Desk Dates: 27 August 2018 Field Date(s): 16 February 2017.

SECTION II: DATA SOURCES

Check all that were used to aid in the determination and attach data/maps to this AJD form and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.

Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant. Title/Date:

Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.

Data sheets/delineation report are sufficient for purposes of AJD form. Title/Date:

Data sheets/delineation report are not sufficient for purposes of AJD form. Summarize rationale and include information on revised data sheets/delineation report that this AJD form has relied upon:

Revised Title/Date:

Data sheets prepared by the Corps. Title/Date:

Corps navigable waters study. Title/Date:

CorpsMap ORM map layers. Title/Date:

USGS Hydrologic Atlas. Title/Date:

USGS, NHD, or WBD data/maps. Title/Date:

USGS 8, 10 and/or 12 digit HUC maps. HUC number:

USGS maps. Scale & quad name and date:

USDA NRCS Soil Survey. Citation:

USFWS National Wetlands Inventory maps. Citation:

State/Local wetland inventory maps. Citation:

FEMA/FIRM maps. Citation:

Photographs: Aerial. Citation: . or Other. Citation:

LiDAR data/maps. Citation: Wapato Mitigation and Conservation Bank.

Previous JDs. File no. and date of JD letter:

Applicable/supporting case law:

Applicable/supporting scientific literature:

Other information (please specify):

SECTION III: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Complete ORM "Aquatic Resource Upload Sheet" or Export and Print the Aquatic Resource Screen from ORM for All Waters and Features, Regardless of Jurisdictional Status – Required

A. RIVERS AND HARBORS ACT (RHA) SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION:

"navigable waters of the U.S." within RHA jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area.

• **Complete Table 1 - Required**

NOTE: If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Section 10 navigable waters list, DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Section 10 RHA navigability determination.

B. CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA) SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION: "waters of the U.S." within CWA jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328.3) in the review area. **Check all that apply.**

(a)(1): All waters which are currently used, were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. (Traditional Navigable Waters (TNWs))

• **Complete Table 1 - Required**

This AJD includes a case-specific (a)(1) TNW (Section 404 navigable-in-fact) determination on a water that has not previously been designated as such. Documentation required for this case-specific (a)(1) TNW determination is attached.

(a)(2): All interstate waters, including interstate wetlands.

• **Complete Table 2 - Required**

(a)(3): The territorial seas.

• **Complete Table 3 - Required**

(a)(4): All impoundments of waters otherwise identified as waters of the U.S. under 33 CFR part 328.3.

• **Complete Table 4 - Required**

(a)(5): All tributaries, as defined in 33 CFR part 328.3, of waters identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.

• **Complete Table 5 - Required**

(a)(6): All waters adjacent to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(5) of 33 CFR part 328.3, including wetlands, ponds, lakes, oxbows, impoundments, and similar waters.

• **Complete Table 6 - Required**

Bordering/Contiguous.

Neighboring:

(c)(2)(i): All waters located within 100 feet of the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(5) of 33 CFR part 328.3.

(c)(2)(ii): All waters located within the 100-year floodplain of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(5) of 33 CFR part 328.3 and not more than 1,500 feet of the OHWM of such water.

(c)(2)(iii): All waters located within 1,500 feet of the high tide line of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3, and all waters within 1,500 feet of the OHWM of the Great Lakes.

(a)(7): All waters identified in 33 CFR 328.3(a)(7)(i)-(v) where they are determined, on a case-specific basis, to have a significant nexus to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.

• **Complete Table 7 for the significant nexus determination. Attach a map delineating the SPOE watershed boundary with (a)(7) waters identified in the similarly situated analysis. - Required**

Includes water(s) that are geographically and physically adjacent per (a)(6), but are being used for established, normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities (33 USC Section 1344(f)(1)) and therefore are not adjacent and require a case-specific significant nexus determination.

(a)(8): All waters located within the 100-year floodplain of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3 not covered by (c)(2)(ii) above and all waters located within 4,000 feet of the high tide line or OHWM of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(5) of 33 CFR part 328.3 where they are determined on a case-specific basis to have a significant nexus to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.

• **Complete Table 8 for the significant nexus determination. Attach a map delineating the SPOE watershed boundary with (a)(8) waters identified in the similarly situated analysis. - Required**

Includes water(s) that are geographically and physically adjacent per (a)(6), but are being used for established, normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities (33 USC Section 1344(f)(1)) and therefore are not adjacent and require a case-specific significant nexus determination.

C. NON-WATERS OF THE U.S. FINDINGS:

Check all that apply.

- The review area is comprised entirely of dry land.
- Potential-(a)(7) Waters: Waters that DO NOT have a significant nexus to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.
 - **Complete Table 9 and attach a map delineating the SPOE watershed boundary with potential (a)(7) waters identified in the similarly situated analysis. - Required**
 - Includes water(s) that are geographically and physically adjacent per (a)(6), but are being used for established, normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities (33 USC Section 1344(f)(1)) and therefore are not adjacent and require a case-specific significant nexus determination.
- Potential-(a)(8) Waters: Waters that DO NOT have a significant nexus to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.
 - **Complete Table 9 and attach a map delineating the SPOE watershed boundary with potential (a)(8) waters identified in the similarly situated analysis. - Required**
 - Includes water(s) that are geographically and physically adjacent per (a)(6), but are being used for established, normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities (33 USC Section 1344(f)(1)) and therefore are not adjacent and require a case-specific significant nexus determination.
- Excluded Waters (Non-Waters of U.S.), even where they otherwise meet the terms of paragraphs (a)(4)-(a)(8):
 - **Complete Table 10 - Required**
 - (b)(1): Waste treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons designed to meet the requirements of the CWA.
 - (b)(2): Prior converted cropland.
 - (b)(3)(i): Ditches with ephemeral flow that are not a relocated tributary or excavated in a tributary.
 - (b)(3)(ii): Ditches with intermittent flow that are not a relocated tributary, excavated in a tributary, or drain wetlands.
 - (b)(3)(iii): Ditches that do not flow, either directly or through another water, into a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3).
 - (b)(4)(i): Artificially irrigated areas that would revert to dry land should application of water to that area cease.
 - (b)(4)(ii): Artificial, constructed lakes and ponds created in dry land such as farm and stock watering ponds, irrigation ponds, settling basins, fields flooded for rice growing, log cleaning ponds, or cooling ponds.
 - (b)(4)(iii): Artificial reflecting pools or swimming pools created in dry land.¹
 - (b)(4)(iv): Small ornamental waters created in dry land.¹
 - (b)(4)(v): Water-filled depressions created in dry land incidental to mining or construction activity, including pits excavated for obtaining fill, sand, or gravel that fill with water.
 - (b)(4)(vi): Erosional features, including gullies, rills, and other ephemeral features that do not meet the definition of tributary, non-wetland swales, and lawfully constructed grassed waterways.¹
 - (b)(4)(vii): Puddles.¹
 - (b)(5): Groundwater, including groundwater drained through subsurface drainage systems.¹
 - (b)(6): Stormwater control features constructed to convey, treat, or store stormwater that are created in dry land.¹
 - (b)(7): Wastewater recycling structures created in dry land; detention and retention basins built for wastewater recycling; groundwater recharge basins; percolation ponds built for wastewater recycling; and water distributary structures built for wastewater recycling.
- Other non-jurisdictional waters/features within review area that do not meet the definitions in 33 CFR 328.3 of (a)(1)-(a)(8) waters and are not excluded waters identified in (b)(1)-(b)(7).
 - **Complete Table 11 - Required.**

D. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT AJD: The Wapato Valley Mitigation and Conversation Bank (as proposed) includes complex wetlands and waterbodies adjacent to and including the Columbia and Lewis Rivers. Because of the management of Lower Columbia River water levels by dam operation, the OHWM is set at an elevation of 17.38 feet (Corps Datum). Water may not present at this level in all years due to management of the Lower Columbia River. As a result, emergency, scrub-shrub, and forested wetlands exist waterward the OHWM of the Columbia River. Higher elevations (still waterward of the OHWM of the Columbia River) also may contain mosaic wetland/upland complexes. Although these areas may not exhibit all three wetland parameters, they fall below the OHWM of the Columbia River and thus are regulated as part of the (a)(1) water (including Section 10 jurisdiction). Two wetlands were identified landward of the OHWM of the Columbia River, but are located less than 100 linear feet from the OHWM.

¹ In many cases these excluded features will not be specifically identified on the AJD form, unless specifically requested. Corps Districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these features within the review area.

Jurisdictional Waters of the U.S.

Default field entry is "N/A". Delete "N/A" and fill out all fields in the table where applicable for waters/features present in the review area.

Table 1. (a)(1) Traditional Navigable Waters

(a)(1) Waters Name	(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale to Support (a)(1) Designation Include High Tide Line or Ordinary High Water Mark indicators, when applicable.
NWS-15-413 Columbia River	The waterbody is subject to Section 9 or 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act	The Columbia River is a Traditionally Navigable Water at River Mile XX. The OHWM of the Columbia River is 17.XX feet (using the Corps datum on the River). A portion of the mainstem Columbia River is within the review area. Multiple wetlands and other tributaries also lie below the plane of OHWM, as regulated by the Corps on the Lower Columbia River.
NWS-15-413 Lewis River	The waterbody is subject to Section 9 or 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act	The first 18 miles of the Lewis River are a TNW. The confluence of the Lewis and Columbia River is partially within the review area. The Lewis River flows along the northern boundary of the review area.

Table 2. (a)(2) Interstate Waters

(a)(2) Waters Name	Rationale to Support (a)(2) Designation
N/A	N/A

Table 3. (a)(3) Territorial Seas

(a)(3) Waters Name	Rationale to Support (a)(3) Designation
N/A	N/A

Table 4. (a)(4) Impoundments

(a)(4) Waters Name	Rationale to Support (a)(4) Designation
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A

Table 5. (a)(5) Tributaries

(a)(5) Waters Name	Flow Regime	(a)(1)-(a)(3) Water Name to which this (a)(5) Tributary Flows	Tributary Breaks	Rationale for (a)(5) Designation and Additional Discussion. Identify flowpath to (a)(1)-(a)(3) water or attach map identifying the flowpath; explain any breaks or flow through excluded/non-jurisdictional features, etc.
NWS-15-413 Gee Creek	Perennial	Columbia River	No	Gee Creek flows directly to the Columbia River. It lies below the plane of OHWM of the Columbia River and is influenced by its own downstream flow and fresh-water tidal inundation from the Columbia River (backwater).

Table 6. (a)(6) Adjacent Waters

(a)(6) Waters Name	(a)(1)-(a)(5) Water Name to which this Water is Adjacent	Rationale for (a)(6) Designation and Additional Discussion. Identify the type of water and how the limits of jurisdiction were established (e.g., wetland, 87 Manual/Regional Supplement); explain how the 100-year floodplain and/or the distance threshold was determined; whether this water extends beyond a threshold; explain if the water is part of a mosaic, etc.
NWS-15-413 Wetland 1	Columbia River/Lewis River	Wetland is adjacent (contiguous) with both the Columbia and Lewis Rivers. Area fall below the OHWM of the Columbia River and includes a mosaic wetland system.
NWS-15-413 Wetland 2	Columbia River/Gee Creek	Wetlands and waters are both contiguous with the Columbia Water and bordering with Gee Creek which connects the Lancaster Lake impoundment with the mainstem Columbia River. Wetlands and waters in this polygon fall below the OHWM of the Columbia River. This area include Lancaster Lake which is an impoundment of Gee Creek (a backwater tributary of the Columbia River).
NWS-15-413 Wetland 3	Columbia River/Gee Creek	Wetlands and waters in this polygon are contiguous with both the Columbia River and Gee Creek (backwater tributary). These waters fall below the OHWM of the Columbia River. This polygon includes open, fresh-water tidal areas that are part of the Gee Creek backwater from the Columbia River.

NWS-15-413 Wetland 4	Columbia River	Wetland is neighboring to the Columbia River. It is located 75 linear feet from the OHWM of the Columbia River (elevation 17.38). It may also be considered neighboring to Gee Creek.
NWS-15-413 Wetland 5	Columbia River	Wetland is neighboring to the Columbia River. It is located 90 linear feet from the OHWM of the Columbia River (elevation 17.38). It may also be considered neighboring to Gee Creek.

Table 7. (a)(7) Waters

SPOE Name	(a)(7) Waters Name	(a)(1)-(a)(3) Water Name to which this Water has a Significant Nexus	Significant Nexus Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 8. (a)(8) Waters

SPOE Name	(a)(8) Waters Name	(a)(1)-(a)(3) Water Name to which this Water has a Significant Nexus	Significant Nexus Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	Identify SPOE watershed; explain how 100-yr floodplain and/or the distance threshold was determined; discuss whether waters were determined to be similarly situated to subject water and aggregated for SND; discuss data, provide analysis, and then summarize how the waters have more than speculative or insubstantial effect the on the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the (a)(1)-(a)(3) water, etc.
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Non-Jurisdictional Waters

Default field entry is "N/A". Delete "N/A" and fill out all fields in the table where applicable for waters/features present in the review area.

Table 9. Non-Waters/No Significant Nexus

SPOE Name	Non-(a)(7)/(a)(8) Waters Name	(a)(1)-(a)(3) Water Name to which this Water DOES NOT have a Significant Nexus	Basis for Determination that the Functions DO NOT Contribute Significantly to the Chemical, Physical, or Biological Integrity of the (a)(1)-(a)(3) Water.
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 10. Non-Waters/Excluded Waters and Features

Paragraph (b) Excluded Feature/Water Name	Rationale for Paragraph (b) Excluded Feature/Water and Additional Discussion.
NA	NA
N/A	N/A

Table 11. Non-Waters/Other

Other Non-Waters of U.S. Feature/Water Name	Rationale for Non-Waters of U.S. Feature/Water and Additional Discussion.
N/A	N/A

Waters_Name	State	Cowardin Code	Meas Type	Amount	Units	Waters_Ty	Latitude	Longitude
NWS-15-413 Columbia River	WA	R1-RIVERINE, TIDAL	LINEAR	2500	FEET	A1	45.84956	-122.77862
NWS-15-413 Gee Creek	WA	R1-RIVERINE, TIDAL	LINEAR	10000	FEET	A5	45.84538	-122.7654
NWS-15-413 Lewis River	WA	R1-RIVERINE, TIDAL	LINEAR	10000	FEET	A1	45.85978	-122.76352
NWS-15-413 Wetland 1	WA	R1-RIVERINE, TIDAL	AREA	274.81	ACRES	A1	45.85666	-122.76916
NWS-15-413 Wetland 2	WA	R1-RIVERINE, TIDAL	AREA	252.39	ACRES	A1	45.85729	-122.75401
NWS-15-413 Wetland 3	WA	R1-RIVERINE, TIDAL	AREA	68.73	ACRES	A1	45.84402	-122.75294
NWS-15-413 Wetland 4	WA	PFO-PALUSTRINE, FORESTED	AREA	0.04	ACRES	A6N1WB	45.8476	-122.76332
NWS-15-413 Wetland 5	WA	PFO-PALUSTRINE, FORESTED	AREA	0.22	ACRES	A6N1WB	45.84695	-122.76221

Local Waterway	Ohwm Bed And Banks	Ohwm Scour	Ohwm Sediment Deposition	Ohwm Shelving
Columbia River				
Gee Creek	YES			
Lewis River		YES		YES
Columbia River			YES	
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