



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Seattle District

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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Applicant:  
Washington State Parks and  
Recreation Commission

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**Seattle District**  
**Permit Application No. NWS-2026-44**

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Interested parties are hereby notified that the following request associated with Emergency Procedures for Permitting in Washington for December 2025 Floods has been submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Seattle District issued a public notice on December 12, 2025, announcing the special processing procedures for emergency activities in response to the December 2025 Flood Events in Washington State. The Seattle District will implement the special processing procedures approved by Northwestern Division in accordance with 33 CFR § 325.2(e)(4).

APPLICANT: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
Attention: Chris Gourley  
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Lacey, WA 98503  
Telephone: (360) 902-8632

LOCATION: The project is located in Saratoga Passage at Cama Beach Historical State Park, 1880 West Camano Drive, Camano, Island County, Washington (Latitude: 48.14102°; Longitude: - 122.51471°). The location is shown on sheet 1 (of 2) of the drawings dated January 9, 2026.

WORK: The applicant has proposed to install Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers (FIBC/Super Sacks) in up to 257 linear feet of shoreline along both sides of a failing seawall and within the gaps of the failed seawall. Fill for the FIBCs will be sourced from an approximately 20 cubic yard stockpile of beach material accumulated from previous boat launch maintenance activities. Work would be performed by mechanical equipment operating from the landward side of the seawall.

PURPOSE: Emergency shoreline stabilization to protect an existing road.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Cama Beach Seawall has experienced a failure at one location with additional damage observed at the old boat launch. This situation poses a threat to the structural integrity of the remaining seawall, the park access road, and other historically significant park resources. The proposed emergency work will

allow WA State Parks staff time to complete a full site assessment and develop a longer-term solution.

**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. If the Corps determines the project may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered, or any designated critical habitat, the Corps would consult with NMFS and USFWS in accordance with the special processing procedures approved by Northwestern Division, under 50 CFR Part 402.05 in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

**ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT:** If the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) determines that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters, the Corps will coordinate with NMFS in accordance with the special processing procedures approved by Northwestern Division.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** If the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) determines that the proposed action requires Section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act, the Corps would initiate Section 106 consultation in accordance with the special processing procedures approved by Northwestern Division, under 36 CFR Part 800.12 in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** Section 401 of the Clean Water Act requires applicants proposing any activity that may result in a discharge into waters of the U.S. to provide the Corps with a certification from the jurisdiction in which the discharge originates that the discharge will comply with applicable water quality requirements. The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) is the certifying authority for this activity. The Corps cannot make a final permit decision until Ecology determines the activity would not result in a discharge, grants certification (with or without conditions), waives certification, or fails to act within the reasonable period of time. Conditions may be added to the Corps permit if Ecology determines they are necessary to ensure compliance with the applicable water quality standards.

**COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT:** The Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Act requires federal permitting agencies to ensure that authorized activities affecting any coastal use or resource are conducted in a manner consistent with the State's approved CZM program. The applicant will provide a certification that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the management program. The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) will evaluate the proposed project for consistency with their enforceable policies and will determine whether they conditionally concur with, concur with, or object to this consistency certification. The Corps cannot make a final permit decision until Ecology concurs with the applicant's

certification of consistency. Conditions may be added to the Corps permit if Ecology determines they are necessary to ensure compliance with the CZM program.

**EVALUATION:** This application will be reviewed in accordance with 33 CFR Parts 320-332 and 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.

The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

**SOURCE OF FILL MATERIAL:** The applicant would utilize fill from an existing stockpile of beach material located in Camano Island State Park.

**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 [Erin.M.Campbell@usace.army.mil](mailto:Erin.M.Campbell@usace.army.mil). 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.

You may also now submit project specific comments to the Corps through the new Regulatory Request System (RRS) through this link: <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> ; Click Public Notices and filter to Washington State to see all current Seattle District Public Notices, including this notice. You may submit your comments directly through this portal.

Conventional mail comments should be sent to:  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division,  
Attention: Erin Campbell, 4735 E. Marginal Way S, Bldg. 1202, Seattle, Washington,  
98134-2388.

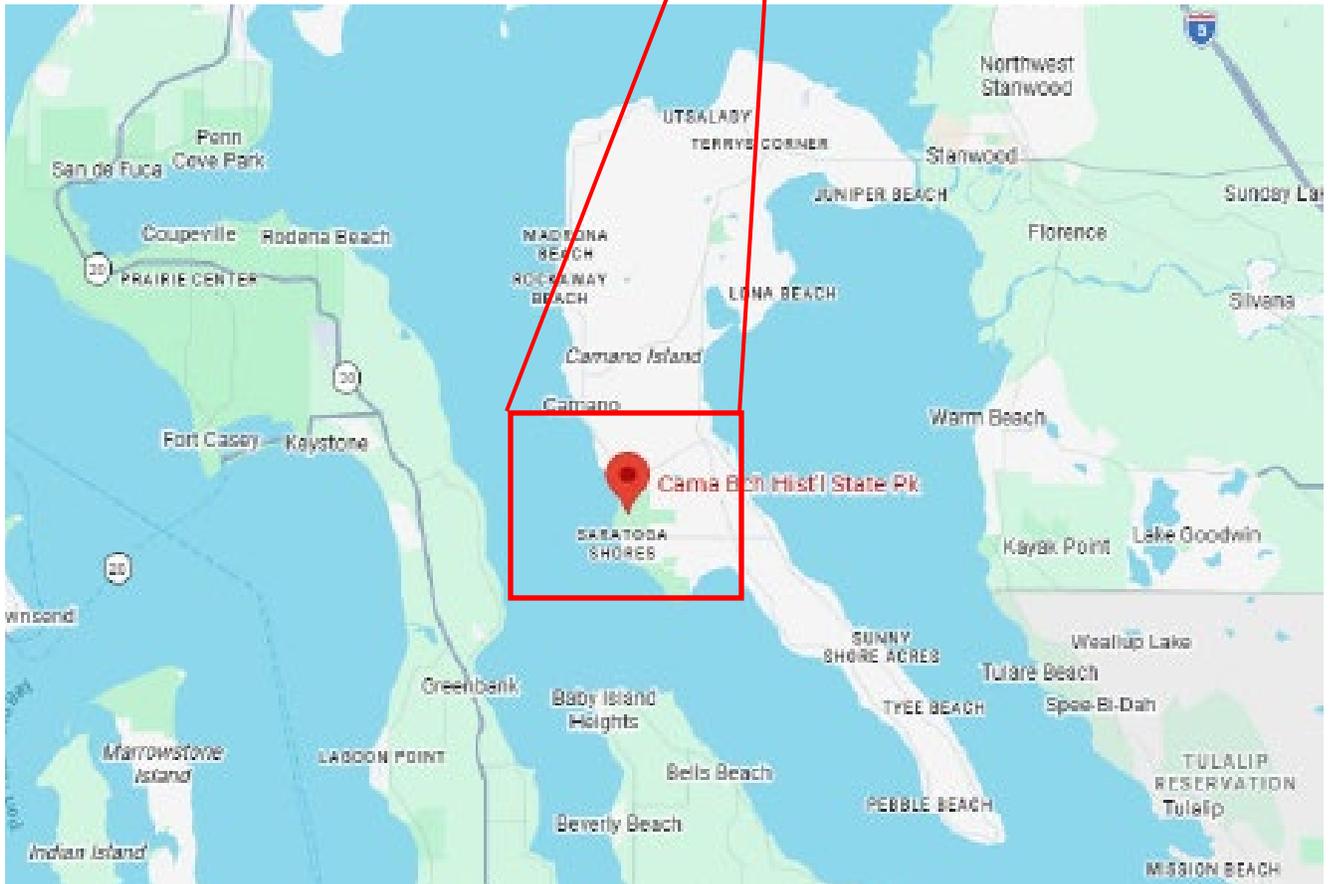
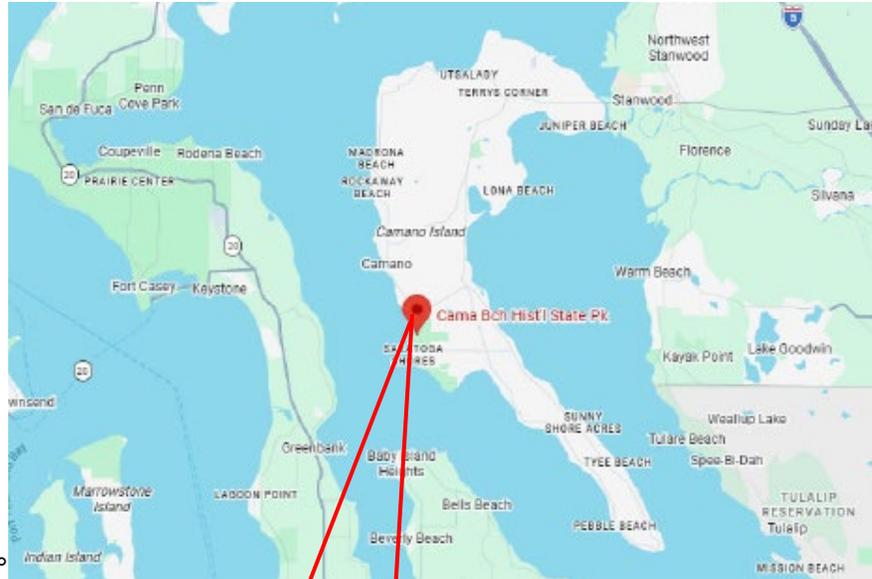
To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: NWS-2026-44, Cama State Park Seawall)

Encl: Figures (2)

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**Cama Beach Emergency  
Seawall Repairs**

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