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Regulatory Branch

December 4, 2025

Community Action of Skagit County  
Ms. Michele Metcalf  
330 Pacific Place  
Mount Vernon, Washington 98273

Reference: NWS-2025-716  
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Skagit County

Dear Ms. Metcalf:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) received your request for an Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD) of the aquatic resources within the review area on the property located in Mount Vernon, Skagit County, Washington as shown on the enclosed drawings dated July 15, 2025. This determination applies only to the review area. Other aquatic resources, including wetlands, ditches, or other ponds, that may occur on this property or on adjacent properties outside the review area are not the subject of this determination.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that Wetland A, Drainage 1 and Drainage 2 are not waters of the U.S. and as such, work that would occur within these areas does not require Department of the Army authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The enclosed *Approved Jurisdictional Determination Memorandum for Record* provides the rationale for jurisdiction for all aquatic resources within the review area.

Other state and local regulations may still apply to these waters. For example, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) may regulate these features. For information on how to obtain State approval for your project, you should contact Ecology's Federal Permit Coordinator at [ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov) or at (360) 407-6068. Information regarding State permitting requirements can also be found at the following website: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Wetlands/Regulations>. We are sending a copy of this letter to Ecology.

This letter contains an AJD for the subject site. If you object to the enclosed AJD, you may request an administrative appeal under the Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331. Enclosed you will find a *Notification of Administrative Appeal Options and Process*

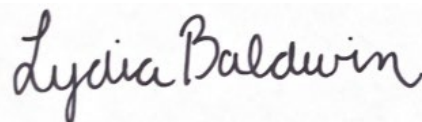
(NAP) and Request for Appeal (RFA) form. If you request to appeal this AJD, you must submit a completed RFA form to the Corps Northwestern Division Office at the following address:

Melinda Larsen, Regulatory Appeals Review Officer  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division  
1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 400  
Portland, OR 97232

This approved jurisdictional determination is valid for a period of five years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revisions of the determination. You may contact the Appeals Review Officer by phone at 503-726-6194 or by email at [melinda.m.larsen@usace.army.mil](mailto:melinda.m.larsen@usace.army.mil). In order for an RFA to be accepted by the Corps, the Corps must determine that it is complete, that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR § 331.5, and that it has been received by the Division Office within 60 days from the date on the NAP. Should you decide to submit an RFA form, it must be received at the above address by February 2, 2026. It is not necessary to submit an RFA form to the Division Office if you do not object to the enclosed AJD.

A copy of this letter with enclosures will be furnished to Mr. Jon Pickett at [jon@soundviewconsultants.com](mailto:jon@soundviewconsultants.com). A copy of the *Approved Jurisdictional Determination Memorandum for Record* and drawings will also be posted to Seattle District website at <https://www.nws.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory/Jurisdictional-Determinations>. If you propose to do any work in the areas identified to be waters of the U.S., you should contact our office prior to commencing work to determine permit requirements. If you have any questions, please contact me at [Lydia.baldwin@usace.army.mil](mailto:Lydia.baldwin@usace.army.mil) or at (360) 399-8034.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Lydia Baldwin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lydia Baldwin, Senior Project Manager  
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

cc:

Washington State Department of Ecology ([ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov))