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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program: Intent to Find that Washington has Satisfied All Conditions of Approval Placed on its Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed finding; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (the Federal agencies) invite public comment on the agencies' proposed finding that Washington has satisfied all conditions the agencies established as part of their 1998 approval of the State's coastal nonpoint pollution control program (coastal nonpoint program). The Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA) directs states and territories with coastal zone management programs previously approved under Section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act to develop and implement coastal nonpoint programs, which must be submitted to the Federal agencies for approval. Prior to making such a finding, NOAA

and the EPA invite public input on the two Federal agencies' rationale for this proposed finding.

DATES: Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the proposed findings document should do so by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NOAA-NOS-2019-0135, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- **Mail:** Submit written comments to Joelle Gore, Chief, Stewardship Division (N/OCM6), Office for Coastal Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910; phone (240) 533-0813; ATTN: Washington Coastal Nonpoint Program.

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personally identifiable information (for example, name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the commenter will be publicly accessible. NOAA and EPA will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The federal agencies will generally not consider comments or comment contents

located outside of the primary submission (i.e., on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the proposed findings document may be found on www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NOAA-NOS-2019-0135 and NOAA's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program website at <https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/pollutioncontrol/>. Additional background information on the state's program may be obtained upon request from: Allison Castellan, Stewardship Division (N/OCM6), Office for Coastal Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (240) 533-0799, email: allison.castellan@noaa.gov; or Michelle Wilcox, U.S. EPA Region 10, Washington Operations Office, 300 Desmond Drive, SE, Suite 102, Lacey, WA 98503, phone: (360) 753-9469, email: wilcox.michelle@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 6217(a) of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA), 16 U.S.C. section 1455b(a), requires that each state (or territory) with a coastal zone management program previously approved under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act must prepare and submit to the federal agencies a coastal nonpoint pollution control program for approval. Washington originally submitted its program to the Federal agencies for approval in September 1995. The Federal agencies provided public notice of and invited public comment on their proposal to approve, with conditions, the Washington program (63 FR 27055). The Federal agencies approved the program by letter dated June 30, 1998, subject to the conditions specified in the letter (63 FR 37094). The Federal agencies propose to find,

and invite public comment on the proposed findings, that Washington has now fully satisfied all conditions (of the earlier approval) of its coastal nonpoint program.

The proposed findings document for Washington's program is available at www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NOAA-NOS-2019-0135 and information on the Coastal Nonpoint Program in general is available on the NOAA website at <https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/pollutioncontrol/>.

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