

Oregon Water Resources Department
Water Right Services Division

Application for Extension of Time

In the Matter of the Application for an Extension of Time)	
for Permit S-52498, Water Right Application S-69804,)	FINAL
in the name of the Southwest Lincoln County Water PUD)	ORDER

Permit Information

Application File S-69804

Permit S-52498(modified by Permit Amendment T-7862

Basin 18 – Middle Coast Basin / Watermaster District 1

Date of Priority: January 13, 1989

Authorized Use of Water

Source of Water:	Vingie Creek, a tributary of Pacific Ocean, a tributary of Pacific Ocean
Purpose or Use:	Municipal Use
Maximum Rate:	0.6 cubic feet per second (cfs) during the period of July 1 through July 31 and 1.0 cfs during the period of August 1 through June 30

This Extension of Time request is being processed in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 537.230 and 539.010(5), and Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 690, Division 315.

Appeal Rights

This final order is subject to judicial review by the Court of Appeals under ORS 183.482. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.482(1). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-003-0675, you may petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

Application History

Permit S-52498 was issued by the Department on July 17, 1996, and modified by Permit Amendment T-7862 on June 15, 1998. The permit called for completion of construction by October 1, 1998, and complete application of water to beneficial use by October 1, 1999. On

March 17, 2003, Southwest Lincoln County Water PUD submitted an application to the Department for an extension of time for Permit S-52498. In accordance with OAR 690-315-0050(2), on July 6, 2021, the Department issued a Proposed Final Order proposing to extend the time to complete construction to October 1, 2043, and the time to fully apply water to beneficial use to October 1, 2043. The protest period closed August 20, 2021, in accordance with OAR 690-315-0060(1). No protest was filed.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Department adopts and incorporates by reference the findings of fact in the Proposed Final Order dated July 6, 2021.

At time of issuance of the Proposed Final Order the Department concluded that, based on the factors demonstrated by the applicant, the permit may be extended subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS

1. Development Limitations

A maximum diversion of 0.91 cfs of water is currently allowed under Permit S-52498. Any diversion of water beyond 0.91 cfs (not to exceed the maximum amount authorized under the permit, being 1.0 cfs) shall only be authorized upon issuance of a final order approving a Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP) under OAR Chapter 690, Division 86 that authorizes access to a greater rate of diversion of water under the permit consistent with OAR 690-086-0130(7). The required WMCP shall be submitted to the Department within 3 years of this Final Order. The amount of water used under Permit S-52498 must be consistent with this and subsequent WMCP's approved under OAR Chapter 690, on file with the Department.

The Development Limitation established in the above paragraph supersedes any prior limitation of the diversion of water under Permit S-52498 that has been established under a prior WMCP or Extension final order issued by the Department.

The deadline established in the Extension Final Order for submittal of a WMCP shall not relieve a permit holder of any existing or future requirement for submittal of a WMCP at an earlier date as established through other orders of the Department. A WMCP submitted to meet the requirements of the final order may also meet the WMCP submittal requirements of other Department orders.

2. Conditions to Maintain the Persistence of Listed Fish

The first 0.91 cfs of water for August-June under Permit S-52498 or any subsequent water right(s) originating from Permit S-52498 is not and will not be conditioned for maintaining fish persistence.

The portion of Permit S-52498 subject to these fish persistence conditions is established as 0.09 cfs for the period of August-June in accordance with ORS 537.230(3)(d). The use

of 0.09 cfs as authorized under this permit must be hereafter conditioned with these fish persistence conditions. Therefore, all subsequent water right(s) originating from this portion of Permit S-52498 implemented will include these Conditions to Maintain the Persistence of Listed Fish. If more than one resulting water right is subject to these Conditions to Maintain the Persistence of Listed Fish, then legal use of the 0.09 cfs conditioned to maintain the persistence of listed fish species shall be determined among all the permit/water right holders of record; all the permit/water right holders of record subject to these Conditions to Maintain the Persistence of Listed Fish must ensure that these fish persistence conditions are met.

A. Target Flow Needs

Fish persistence target flows in Vingie Creek as recommended by ODFW are in Table 2, below; flows are to be measured in Vingie Creek at the existing point of diversion.

Table 2

ODFW'S RECOMMENDED FISH PERSISTENCE TARGET FLOWS IN VINGIE CREEK	
Month	Cubic Feet per Second
JAN	14.01
FEB	12.63
MAR	10.84
APR	7.35
MAY	4.35
JUN	2.38
JUL	1.55
AUG	0.80
SEP	1.39
OCT	1.45
NOV	8.45
DEC	13.53

Alternate Streamflow Measurement Point

The location of a streamflow measurement point as established in these Conditions to Maintain the Persistence of Listed Fish may be revised if the permit or water right holder provides evidence in writing that ODFW has determined that flows may be measured at an alternate streamflow measurement point and the

permit or water right holder provides an adequate description of the location of the alternate streamflow measurement point, and the Water Resources Director concurs in writing.

B. Determining Water Use Reductions - Generally

The maximum amount of the 0.09 cfs conditioned for fish persistence that can be appropriated is determined in proportion to the amount by which the target flows shown in Table 2 are missed based on a seven-day rolling average of mean daily flows as measured by the water user in Vingie Creek at the existing point of diversion. The fraction of target flow achievement is defined as:

$$T_a = (Q_g - P) / Q_t \quad (EQ 1)$$

Q_g = measured daily flow

P = amount of water conditioned for fish persistence (0.09 cfs)

Q_t = target flow

T_a = target flow achievement

When the fraction target flow achievement (T_a) is greater than 1, no curtailment is recommended. When the fraction target flow achievement is less than 1, curtailment of the amount of water conditioned for fish persistence is recommended. The curtailed permit rate is determined by scaling the amount of water conditioned for fish persistence by the fraction the flow target is not being met (EQ 2).

If $T_a \geq 1$, no curtailment necessary. Otherwise:

$$D_m = T_a * P \quad (EQ 2)$$

D_m = maximum amount of water conditioned for fish persistence that can be appropriated as a result of this fish persistence condition

C. Examples

Example 1: Target flow met.

On August 15, the gaged daily flow is (Q_g) 1.0 cfs. Given that the amount of water conditioned for fish persistence (P) is 0.09 cfs, then the gaged daily flow (Q_g) minus 0.09 is (P) greater than the 0.802 cfs target flow (Q_t) for August 15. In this example, $(Q_g - P)/Q_t \geq 1$.

$$(1.0 - 0.09)/0.80 \geq 1$$

The amount of water conditioned for fish persistence that can be diverted would not be reduced because the target flow is considered met.

Example 2: Target flow missed.

On August 15, the gaged daily flow (Q_g) is 0.75 cfs. Given that the amount of water conditioned for fish persistence (P) is 0.09 cfs, then the gaged daily flow (Q_g) minus 0.09 cfs (P) is less than the 0.80 cfs target flow (Q_t) for August 15.

Step 1: Given that the amount of water conditioned for fish persistence (P) is 0.09 cfs, if on August 15, the average of the gaged daily flow (Q_g) is 0.75 cfs and the target flow (Q_t) is 0.80 cfs, the fraction of target flow achievement (T_a) is less than 1.

$$(0.75 - 0.09) / 0.80 = 0.825$$

$$0.825 < 1$$

Step 2: Given the fraction of target flow achievement (T_a) is less than 1 (from Step 1), and amount of water conditioned for fish persistence (P) is 0.09 cfs; the maximum amount of water conditioned for fish persistence that can be appropriated as a result of this fish persistence condition (D_m) is 0.07 cfs.

$$0.825 * 0.09 \text{ cfs} = 0.07 \text{ cfs}$$

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The applicant has demonstrated good cause for the permit extension pursuant to ORS 537.230, 539.010(5) and OAR 690-315-0080(3).

ORDER

The extension of time for Application S-69804, Permit S-52498, therefore, is approved subject to conditions contained herein. The deadline for completing construction is extended from October 1, 1998, to October 1, 2043. The deadline for applying water to full beneficial use within the terms and conditions the permit is extended from October 1, 1999, to October 1, 2043.

DATED: September 3, 2021



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