

**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

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| Water Right Application R-89116 in the | ) | FINAL ORDER                      |
| name of ADCOCK FAMILY TREE FARM        | ) | APPROVING THE STORAGE OF SURFACE |
|  | ) | WATER                            |

**Authority**

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 537.409 establishes the process by which an application to store waters of the public may be submitted.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On June 4, 2021, Adcock Family Tree Farm submitted an application for a permit to store water pursuant to ORS 537.409:  
Storage Volume: 1.5 ACRE-FEET  
Dam Height: ZERO FEET  
Source: MOLALLA RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO WILLAMETTE RIVER  
County: CLACKAMAS COUNTY  
Reservoir Location: SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, W.M.
2. The required examination fees were paid and minimum application requirements were met.
3. The Department provided public notice of the application in the Department's weekly public notice on June 15, 2021. A 60-day comment period followed.
4. The Department has not received public comment related to the possible issuance of the attached draft permit.
5. The Department finds that the proposed use, as conditioned, will not injure other water rights.
6. The Department has determined that the proposed source has not been withdrawn from further appropriation under ORS 538.
7. The proposed reservoir is not prohibited under ORS 390.835.

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

This is an order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 536.075 and ORS 183.484. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to OAR 137-004-0080, 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.

ORS 537.409 does not provide an opportunity to request a contested-case hearing. Appeal rights on this final order approving the application are limited to the above procedures.

8. An assessment of water availability at 50% exceedance for the proposed use was completed using the Department's Water Availability Reporting System. A copy of this assessment is in the application file. This review is done consistent with OAR 690-410-0070(2)(a). The assessment established that water is available December 1 through through May 31 for the proposed use.
9. The Department relies on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's review and recommendations in determining whether a proposed use would pose a significant detrimental impact to existing fishery resources. The Department has determined that, if limited to December through May 31 and as conditioned, the proposed use will not pose a significant detrimental impact to existing fishery resources.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

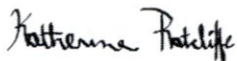
1. The proposed use will not injure existing water rights.
2. Water is available for the proposed use.
3. The proposed use will not pose a significant detrimental impact to existing fishery resources.
4. Application R-89116 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.409.

**ORDER**

Application R-89116 is approved. **Upon payment of the permit recording fee of \$520, a permit shall be issued authorizing the proposed water use.** Failure to meet this requirement within 60 days from the date of this Final Order may result in the proposed rejection of the application.

*If you need to request additional time, your written request should be received in the Salem office of the Department within 60 days of this Final Order. The Department will evaluate the request and determine whether or not the request may be approved.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon on SEP 02 2022



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If you have other questions about the Department or any of its programs please contact our Water Resources Customer Service Group at 503-986-0900.

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF CLACKAMAS

DRAFT PERMIT TO STORE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

ADCOCK FAMILY TREE FARM  
14200 S UNION MILLS RD  
PO BOX 857  
MULINO OR 97042

The specific limits and conditions of the use are listed below.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: R-89116

SOURCE OF WATER: MOLALLA RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO WILLAMETTE RIVER

STORAGE FACILITY: BEND RIVER RESERVOIR

MAXIMUM DAM HEIGHT: THE RESERVOIR IS ENTIRELY BELOW GROUND SURFACE; THERE IS NO DAM.

MAXIMUM VOLUME: 1.5 ACRE-FEET

PURPOSE OR USE OF THE STORED WATER: MULTIPURPOSE USE

WATER MAY BE APPROPRIATED FOR STORAGE DURING THE PERIOD: DECEMBER 1 THROUGH MAY 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: JUNE 4, 2021

DAM LOCATION/AUTHORIZED POINT OF DIVERSION:

| Twp | Rng | Mer | Sec | Q-Q   | Measured Distances   |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|--|
| 4 S | 2 E | WM  | 28  | NW NW | 1160 FEET SOUTH AND 895 FEET EAST FROM NW CORNER, SECTION 28 |

THE AREA TO BE SUBMERGED BY THE RESERVOIR:

| Twp | Rng | Mer | Sec | Q-Q   |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 4 S | 2 E | WM  | 28  | NW NW |

**PERMIT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS**

1. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this permit may result in action including, but not limited to, restrictions on the use, civil penalties, or cancellation of the permit.

## **2. Water Use Measurement, Recording, and Reporting:**

- A. The Director may require the permittee to install a totalizing flow meter at each point of diversion. If the Director notifies the permittee to install a measuring device, the permittee shall install such device within the period stated in the notice. Once installed, the permittee shall maintain the device in good working order, and shall allow the watermaster access to the device.
- B. The Director may require the permittee to keep and maintain a record of the volume of water diverted, and may require the permittee to report water-use on a periodic schedule as established by the Director. In addition, the Director may require the permittee to report general water-use information, the periods of water use and the place and nature of use of water under the permit.
- C. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.

## **3. Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Rules:**

The permittee shall comply with basin-specific Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Rules described in Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 603-095. The permittee shall protect riparian areas, allowing site capable vegetation to establish and grow along streams, while providing the following functions: shade (on perennial and some intermittent streams), bank stability, and infiltration or filtration of overland runoff.

## **4. Fish Screen/By-Pass:**

The permittee shall install, maintain, and operate fish screening and by-pass devices consistent with current Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) standards. Fish screening is to prevent fish from entering the proposed diversion while by-pass devices provide adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish. The required screen and by-pass devices are to be in place and functional, and approved in writing by ODFW prior to diversion of any water. The permittee may submit evidence in writing that ODFW has determined screens and/or by-pass devices are not necessary.

## **5. Riparian Area Restoration:**

If the riparian area is disturbed in the process of developing a point of diversion, the permittee shall be responsible for restoration and enhancement of such riparian area in accordance with ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy OAR 635-415. For purposes of mitigation, the ODFW Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Goals and Standards, OAR 635-415, shall be followed.

## **6. Water Quality:**

The use may be restricted if the quality of the source stream or downstream waters decrease to the point that those waters no longer meet existing state or federal water quality standards due to reduced flows.

## **7. Fish Stocking:**

Per ORS 498.222 and OAR 635-007-0600, all persons transporting fish in Oregon need to have a fish transport permit issued by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). The permittee

shall not stock fish in the reservoir without a fish transport permit issued by ODFW. As part of the permitting process, the permittee must also screen the inlet and outlet of their pond to ensure that fish cannot escape into public waters and/or to keep wild fish from entering the pond.

**8. In-Water Work:**

Any in-water work related to construction, development, or maintenance of the proposed use shall be conducted during the preferred work period of July 15 through August 31, unless an alternate time period is approved by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**9. Off-Channel Stored Water Releases:**

The permittee shall not release polluted water from this off-channel reservoir into waters of the state except when the release is directed by the State engineer to prevent dam failure.

10. The storage of water allowed herein is subject to the installation and maintenance of an outlet pipe (with a minimum diameter of 8" for any in-channel reservoir). This requirement may be waived if the Department determines other means have been provided to evacuate water when necessary.
11. The permittee shall pass all live flow outside the storage season described above.
12. The Director may require the user to measure inflow and outflow, above and below the reservoir respectively, to ensure that live flow is not impeded outside the storage season. Measurement devices and their implementation must be acceptable to the Director, and the Director may require that data be recorded on a specified periodic basis and reported to the Department annually or more frequently.
13. This permit allows an annual appropriation (not to exceed the specified volume). This permit does not provide for the appropriation of water for out-of-reservoir uses, the maintenance of the water level or maintaining a suitable freshwater condition. If any water is to be used for out-of-reservoir purposes, a secondary water right is required. If any additional live flow is to be appropriated to maintain either the water level or a suitable freshwater condition, an additional water right is required.

**STANDARD CONDITIONS**

1. This permit is for the beneficial use of water without waste. The water user is advised that new regulations may require the use of best practical technologies or conservation practices to achieve this end.
2. By law, the land use associated with this water use must be in compliance with statewide land-use goals and any local acknowledged land-use plan.
3. The use of water allowed herein may be made only at times when sufficient water is available to satisfy all prior rights, including prior rights for maintaining instream flows.

## DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLETION TIMELINE REQUIREMENTS

1. Construction of the water system shall begin within five years of the date of permit issuance. The deadline to begin construction may not be extended. This permit is subject to cancellation proceedings if the begin construction deadline is missed.
2. The permitted volume of water shall be stored within five years of the date of permit issuance. If additional time is needed, the permittee may submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.
3. Within one year after storage of water, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use to the Oregon Water Resources Department.
4. The claim of beneficial use shall be prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner in conformance with the requirements of OAR 690-014 if an associated secondary permit exists for the use of stored water under this permit, or if the reservoir capacity is equal to or greater than 9.2 acre-feet.
5. If no secondary permit exists and the reservoir capacity is less than 9.2 acre-feet of water, the claim of beneficial use need not be prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner. The information submitted to the Oregon Water Resources Department shall include:
  - a. the dimensions of the reservoir;
  - b. the maximum capacity of the reservoir in acre-feet; and
  - c. a map identifying the location of the reservoir prepared in compliance with Water Resource Department standards.

Issued

### **DRAFT – NOT A PERMIT**

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