



# Draft Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit

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**King County**

Department of Natural Resources and Parks

**Wastewater Treatment Division**

## PSNGP Update

Comments were due:

8/16/21

Anticipated Ecology  
response:

11/15/21

Anticipated permit issue  
date:

12/1/21

Anticipated permit  
effective date:

1/1/22

**75 Comment Letters Total**

- 44 County, City, District, or Utility
- 4 Other Gov
- 11 NGO
- 2 Scientist
- 6 Tribe
- 8 General public

# Selected Comment Themes



- Financial impacts
- Science – varying opinions
- Responsibilities for dominant facilities
- Need for a collaborative regional discussion
- Need to push for more, faster
- Legal questions
- Water quality
- Protection/restoration of Puget Sound

# King County Comments

## Cover Letter

- KC wants to protect and improve conditions in Puget Sound
- Need a comprehensive, validated assessment of the Sound
- Investments need to achieve desired outcome and affordability

## Comment Summary

1. Science and modeling
2. Operational considerations
3. Action levels and relationship to other permits
4. Costs and rates
5. Regulatory concerns and the need to complete a TMDL
6. Nutrient reduction measures and source control
7. Nutrient Management Plan and promoting innovation

# What happens after comments are submitted?

Ecology must prepare a response to comments (planned for mid-November)



Ecology to issue Final Permit (planned for December 1)

Effective 30 days from final publication (January 1, 2022)

30-day appeal period

# Questions?

Link to Comments:

[Puget Sound Nutrient General  
Permit Formal Public Comment  
Period \(commentinput.com\)](https://commentinput.com)

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