



Draft Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit (PSNGP)

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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

293 Comment Letters Total

- 44 County, City, District, or Utility
- 4 Other Gov
- 11 NGO
- 2 Scientist
- 6 Tribe
- 226 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
\(commentinput.com\)](#)

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