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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE TO ISSUE A SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the State of Utah's intention to issue a Section 401 Water Quality Certification with Conditions under the authority of the Federal Clean Water Act (33U.S.C. § 1341), and consistent with the Utah Water Quality Act, Title 19, Chapter 5, Utah Code and Utah Administrative Code R317-15.

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME: Great Salt Lake Brine Shrimp Cooperative
MAILING ADDRESS: 1750 West 2450 South Ogden, UT 84401
PROJECT LOCATION: The south edge of Promontory Point along the Great Salt Lake, in Box Elder County, Utah. The approximate project location is at Latitude 41.19692 degrees, Longitude -112.41886 degrees.
DWQ CERTIFICATION NO.: DWQ-2023-08001
WATERCOURSES: Great Salt Lake, Gilbert Bay

BACKGROUND

The Great Salt Lake Brine Shrimp Cooperative (Project Proponent) is proposing a maintenance dredging project to remove sediment from the existing harbor and the associated access channel at Promontory Point in Box Elder County, Utah. The Project Proponent indicates that the Promontory Harbor and Access Channel Dredging Project (Project) is needed to ensure boat access to and from the harbor if the lake levels continue to decline. The Project Proponent indicated that if the lake levels rebound, the need for the proposed Project may be reduced or even eliminated. The Project will remove sediment from the harbor and the removed sediments would be sidecast onto land that is currently dry. Sediments will also be removed from the channel and will be deposited on the existing lake bottom to the immediate west of the harbor and channel via hydraulic, thin layer dispersal. The project site is approximately 93.5 acres, located on the south edge of Promontory Point along the Great Salt Lake.

The proposed Project will impact a maximum 55 acres of Waters of the US (WOTUS). The Project Proponent indicated that because the proposed Project is for maintenance, the impact should be far less than the proposed 55 acres. There are no proposed impacts on wetlands due to the proposed Project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **November 17, 2023**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Linsey Shafer, General Permitting Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: wqcomments@utah.gov. After considering public comments the Utah Division of Water Quality may execute the Certification issuance, revise it or abandon it. The Certification is available for public review under <https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/water-quality-public-notice>. A copy may be obtained by contacting Linsey Shafer (385) 405-4158.

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