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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 (33 U.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: Division of Wildlife Resources
MAILING ADDRESS: 4786 South 7500 West Hooper, Utah 84315
PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located at Frontage Road off Willard Bay road in Willard City, Box Elder County, Utah. The project is approximately located at 41.422029 and -112.063768.
DWQ CERTIFICATION NO.: DWQ-2022-05001
WATERCOURSES: Palustrine Emergent wetlands and North Outlet Channel to Bear River Bay

BACKGROUND

The Project Proponent proposes to expand an existing parking lot in Willard City, Utah. The project proponent indicated that the purpose of the project is to increase area for boat launches for waterfowl sportsmen. The existing parking lot cannot meet the demand for boat launching and parking especially during high traffic weekends and during hunting season. The current parking lot is also causing public safety issues as individuals are being forced to park along the unpaved access road. The expansion of the parking lot will ensure that individuals have ample space to safely launch boats and park on Willard Spur. The proposed project will consist of a parking lot, subsurface drainage, a berm that will separate the parking lot from the channel that leads to Bear River Bay, a dewatering channel and a drain pipe.

The project area contains 1.0 acre of palustrine emergent marsh wetlands (PEM). The project will permanently impact 0.99 acres of the onsite PEM wetlands. The project is adjacent to an existing channel that flows to Bear River Bay in the Great Salt Lake. The Project Proponent indicated that construction activity will take place during the dry season to reduce any impacts to adjacent wetlands or surface water. Impacts to adjacent surface water will be mitigated and stormwater runoff will be controlled through

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underground drainage, a permanent berm, and a rock-lined dewatering channel and sediment settling swale. Best management practices (BMPs) will be utilized to reduce any inadvertent impacts to surface water.

The Project Proponent has mitigated wetland impacts by reducing the size of the project area from 2.0 acres to 1.0 acre. The project could not be reduced any further due to need for ample space for boat trailers and turnout. Due to the location of the existing boat launch and access to the Great Salt Lake the project could not be constructed in an alternative location without impacting additional wetlands or requiring the construction of roads and associated infrastructure. The Project Proponent proposes to restore 60.73 acres of wetlands within the Ogden Bay Waterfowl Management Area as part of the mitigation plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **July 26 , 2022**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Andrea Kilbane, 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-notices>. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Andrea Kilbane at 385-501-9586.