

PUBLIC NOTICE:

PROPOSED PERMITS FOR NET PEN AQUACULTURE FACILITIES DISCHARGING TO RUFUS WOODS LAKE IN WASHINGTON

Summary

EPA is proposing to reissue its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits to Pacific Aquaculture, Inc. (Sites 1-3) and Faith Frontier Ministries.

Pacific Aquaculture and Faith Frontier Ministries have currently permitted net pens. The four net pen facilities are located in waters of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) in Rufus Woods Lake, an impoundment of the Columbia River behind Chief Joseph Dam in central Washington State. The effluent from the facilities is discharged to Rufus Woods Lake. In order to ensure protection of water quality and human health, the permits place requirements to minimize the discharge of pollutants.

Tentative Determination

The Region 10 office of the EPA has tentatively determined to reissue a discharge permit to the applicants.

Administrative Record

Copies of the draft permit and fact sheet are also on file at the following location:

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
c/o Environmental Trust Department (ETD)
Douglas Marconi, Jr., Watershed Program Manager
PO Box 150
Nespelem, WA 991552

Copies and other information may be requested by writing to the above address to the attention of Douglas Marconi, Jr. or email douglas.marconi.env@colvilletribes.com, or call: 509-634-2428.

Electronic copies of the draft permit and technical fact sheet are available under "Related Documents" below.

The draft permit and other related documents may also be viewed at the EPA Region 10 office in Seattle between 8:30am-4pm, Monday-Friday:

U.S. EPA Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155 (WD 19-C04)
Seattle, Washington 98101
206-553-0523 or toll-free 1-800-424-4372 (within Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington)

Copies and other information may be requested by writing to the EPA at the above address to the attention of the NPDES Permits Branch, or by contacting [Audrey Washington](mailto:washington.audrey@epa.gov) (washington.audrey@epa.gov), 206-553-0523.

Disability Reasonable Accommodation

If you need a reasonable accommodation for a disability, please call Audrey Washington at 206-553-0523 (voice). TTY/TDD users please dial Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833-6388. Please provide one week advance notice for special requests not related to ongoing programs and services.

Related Documents

You may need a PDF reader to view some of the files on this page. See EPA's [About PDF page](#) to learn more.

- [Draft NPDES Permit, Pacific Aquaculture Site 1, #WA0026336 \(PDF\)](#) (45 pp, 389 K, February 2020)
- [Draft NPDES Permit, Pacific Aquaculture Site 2, #WA0026328 \(PDF\)](#) (45 pp, 389 K, February 2020)
- [Draft NPDES Permit, Pacific Aquaculture Site 3, #WA0026719 \(PDF\)](#) (45 pp, 389 K, February 2020)
- [Draft NPDES Permit, Faith Frontier Ministries, Chief Joseph Fish Farm, #WA0026379 \(PDF\)](#) (45 pp, 390 K, February 2020)
- [NPDES Permit Fact Sheet, Rufus Woods Lake Net Pen Aquaculture Facilities \(PDF\)](#) (47 pp, 500 K, February 2020)

HOW TO COMMENT

CTCR ETD will accept comments through: 03/13/2020

Comments on EPA's draft permit or requests for a public hearing may be submitted via email to Douglas Marconi

Comments will be most effective if they address specific permit requirements and include the justification for your recommendation.

EPA Region 10 will accept Comments through: 03/05/2020

Comments on EPA's draft permit or requests for a public hearing may be submitted via email to [Cindi Godsey](mailto:godsey.cindi@epa.gov) (godsey.cindi@epa.gov), or in writing to:

U.S. EPA Region 10
Attn: Director, Water Division
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155 (WD 19-C04)
Seattle, Washington, 98101-3188

Requests for a public hearing must include the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number.

Comments must be received within the 30-day period to be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application.

All comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the commenter, and a short statement of the basis of any comment and the relevant facts upon which it is based.

Contact: For questions about the draft permits or this public notice, contact Cindi Godsey, 206-553-1676, or toll-free 800-424-4372 (x1676).

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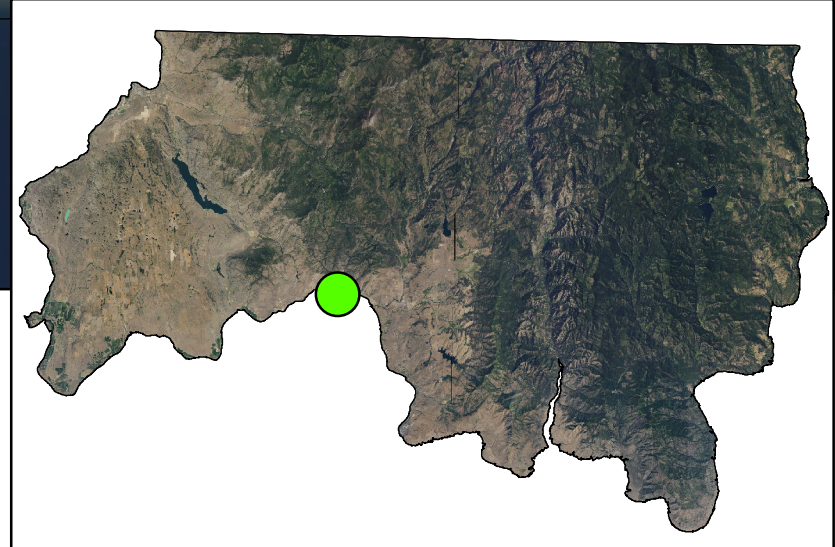
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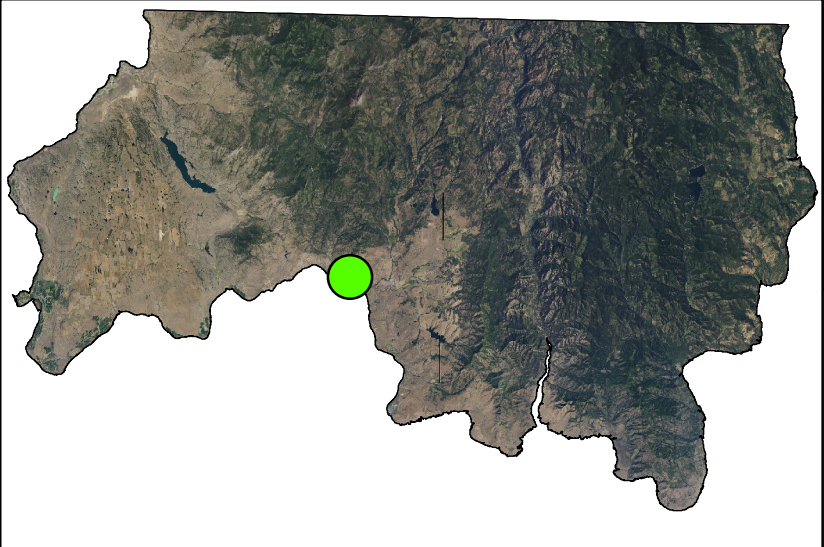
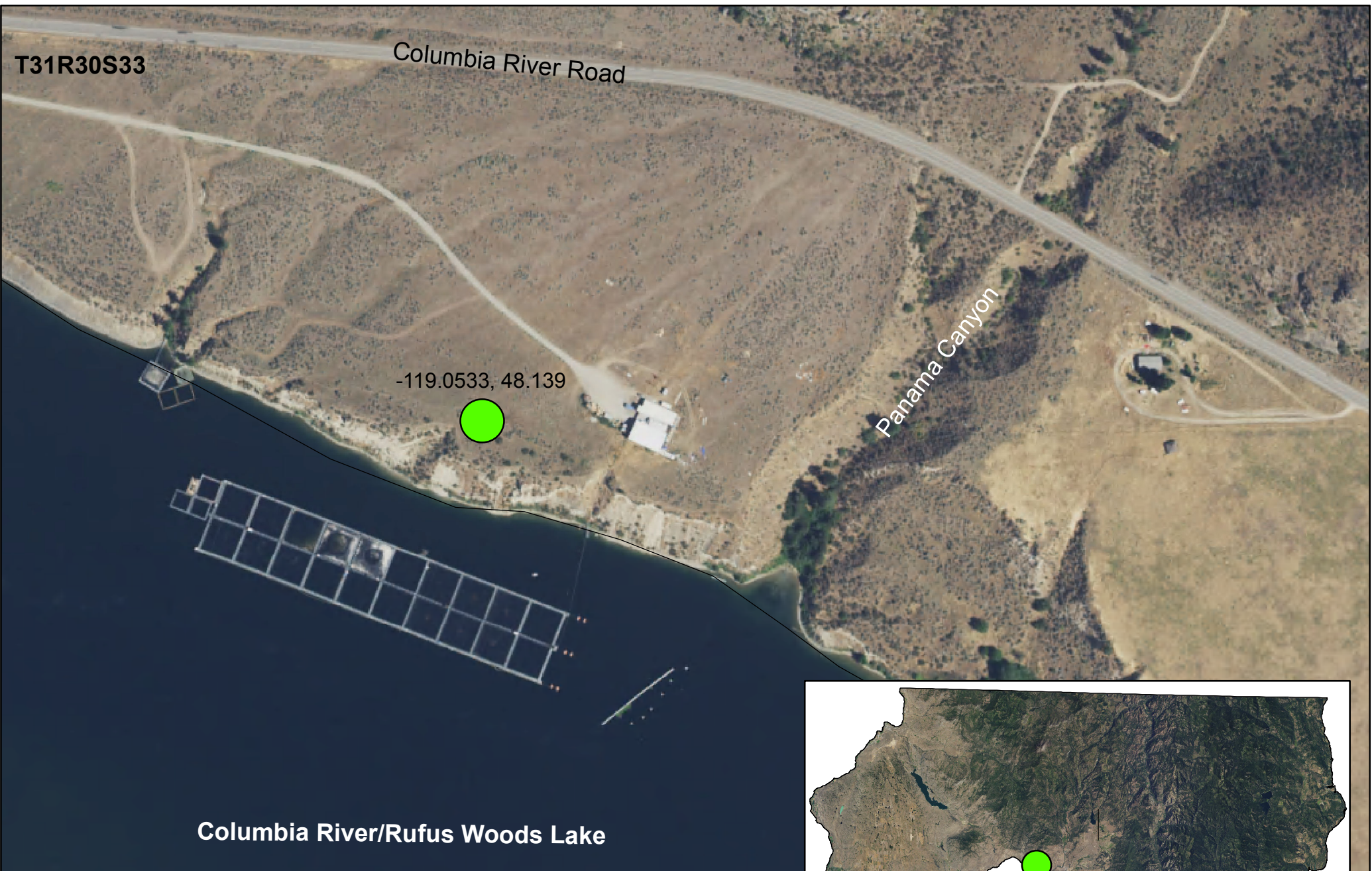
Columbia River/Rufus Woods Lake

Pacific Aquaculture, Inc. -- Site 1
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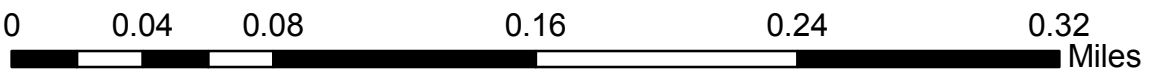


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Pacific Aquaculture, Inc. -- Site 2
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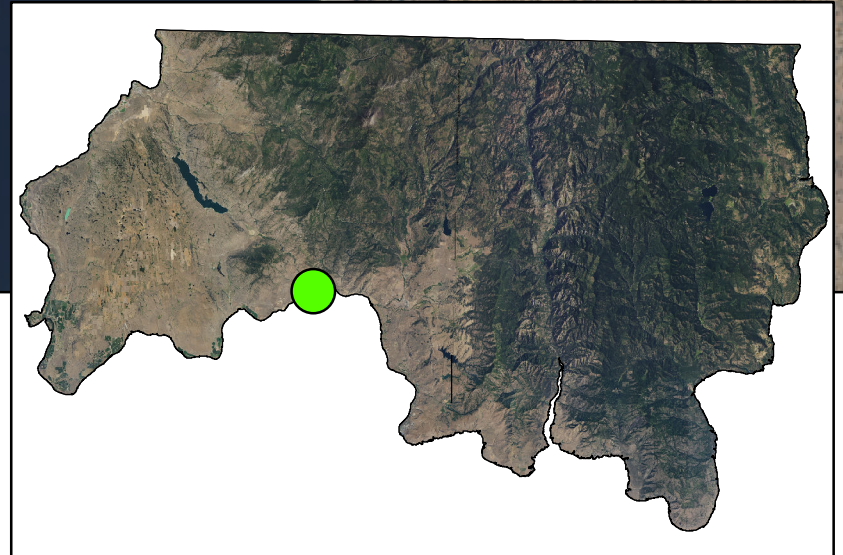
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Pacific Aquaculture, Inc. -- Site 3
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Columbia River/Rufus Woods Lake

Faith Frontier Ministries
48.1031 N, -119.2592 W

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