

La Conner Maritime Service

To whom it may concern:

I am the general manager of La Conner Maritime Service. We have been operating in our current location as a boatyard and marine repair facility since 1992.

The proposed benchmarks in the draft permit are problematic and overly burdensome without proven, available technology and science to treat storm water from boat yards to achieve these numbers. Even when all possible BMP's are followed the copper benchmark of 15 PPB cannot be maintained for any significant length of time.

I respectfully ask that more effort and collaboration with those in the storm water treatment and boat yard industries become a part of developing benchmarks that can be phased in on a level that's both scientifically and economically practical.

I understand you are receiving a letter from the NMTA and other statewide partners, and I stand with them in their position and comments.

Respectfully,
Isaac Oczkewicz
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