

Crescent Bar Island Overview

Excerpt from the Draft Shoreline Management Plan (pages 3-4)

1.3 Article 419 License Requirements

License Article 419 requires that Grant PUD submit a final Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) for FERC approval. The SMP contains a provision to protect and enhance the scenic quality of the Mid-Columbia River, including Crescent Bar Island. The following general provisions must be included:

- General land use policies;
- Procedures for issuing permits and/or leases;
- A land use classification system that:
 - Identifies and describes land use classifications,
 - Includes a table of acres contained in each land use classification,
 - Identifies allowed and prohibited uses in each land use classification,
 - Includes maps of the land use classifications;
 - A process for reviewing and updating the SMP every six years.

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Crescent Bar Island: Implementation of the policies, goals, and objectives of this SMP are intended to satisfy the requirement to protect and enhance Grant PUD owned properties at Crescent Bar Island. Specifically, measures to improve public recreation use, wildlife habitat, and protection of the scenic quality of this section of the Mid-Columbia River will occur upon expiration of the lease with the Port of Quincy in the year 2012. Grant PUD will conduct a broad public scoping process to develop a vision for the future of Crescent Bar Island, and will ensure that any future uses or land use agreements at Crescent Bar adequately fulfill these improvement measures, along with other relevant safety, health, Project operation, and related management objectives.

Furthermore, as identified in Article 419:

The final Shoreline Management Plan shall also include, at a minimum, provisions for the following items at Crescent Bar Island: (1) a trail; (2) dredging the existing boat channel and lengthening the existing boat launch; (3) removing six existing recreational vehicle campsites; (4) a directional sign; (5) picnic tables; (6) a vault toilet; and (7) a map that clearly identifies the location of project recreation sites, including the trail and its length, as well as the existing disturbed footprint. Also, the licensee shall include a construction schedule, cost estimates for the construction and maintenance of the facilities, provisions for soil erosion and sediment control measures as required under Article 303, and a discussion of how the needs of the disabled are considered in the planning and design of the recreation facilities. Crescent Bar Island shall be managed under two land use classifications as Planned Development and Conservation [now

“Public Recreation Development” and “Resources Management”], except that no further development shall occur beyond the existing disturbed footprint (except for the trail).

In response to Article 419 directives, these recreation enhancements have been included in the RRMP implementation schedule filed with FERC on March 25, 2009. While the draft SMP submitted in 2003 contained seven land use classifications, this final SMP contains three land use classifications, which better depict the types of shoreline environments and management objectives of the Priest Rapids Project (see Section 4). The revised land use classification map for Crescent Bar Island is shown on page E-2 of Appendix E, and is consistent with the intent of containing development within the existing disturbed footprint, under the “Public Recreation Development” land use classification.

In developing this SMP, and during the required periodic review and update processes, Grant PUD is required by the license to consult with five entities: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Washington Recreation Conservation Office (RCO), Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Wanapum Indians. In addition to these required consultation parties, outreach to the broader public audience, including interest groups (homeowners associations, recreation user groups, etc.), individuals, and other federal, state and local agencies will occur.

Public participation, review, and input are an important component in the development of any SMP. A public participation and communication plan was developed and implemented during 2008 and 2009, providing guidance and structure to the development process. Substantial consultation and review occurred during this timeframe. Consulting parties, homeowners groups, county and state agency representatives, and numerous others provided input through a variety of opportunities offered by Grant PUD. The consultation and public stakeholder comment and response tables are attached as Appendix A, and serve as the consultation record for Article 419.