



Bridge and Ferry Terminal Washing General Permit Reissuance Draft

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General Permit Details

Initially issued in 2017

Expires July 2022

Modeled after WSDOT
Permit



WSDOT & Gov't Agencies

Inspect

Maintain

Structural Integrity & Safety



Build Up

- Dirt &
- Debris
- Guano



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WSDOT:

- 257 Bridges
- 19 Ferry terminals

Local Government:

- 71 Bridges

Summary of GP Requirements

1. Maintenance Washing (Yearly or Longer)

- Low Pressure Washing
- Seasonally High Stream Flow Periods (Fall - Spring)

2. Preparatory Washing – Pre Painting (15-Year or Longer)

- High Pressure Washing
- High Stream Flow only
- Full Containment - No Discharge

3. Painting – No Discharge, Spill Control.

Maintenance Washing

Dry Cleaning Methods:

- Scraping, Sweeping, Vacuuming

Grease Removal:

- Degreaser on absorbent material



Maintenance Washing & Spot Cleaning

Flushing:

- Low pressure
- No detergents



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Wastewater Effluent Characterization

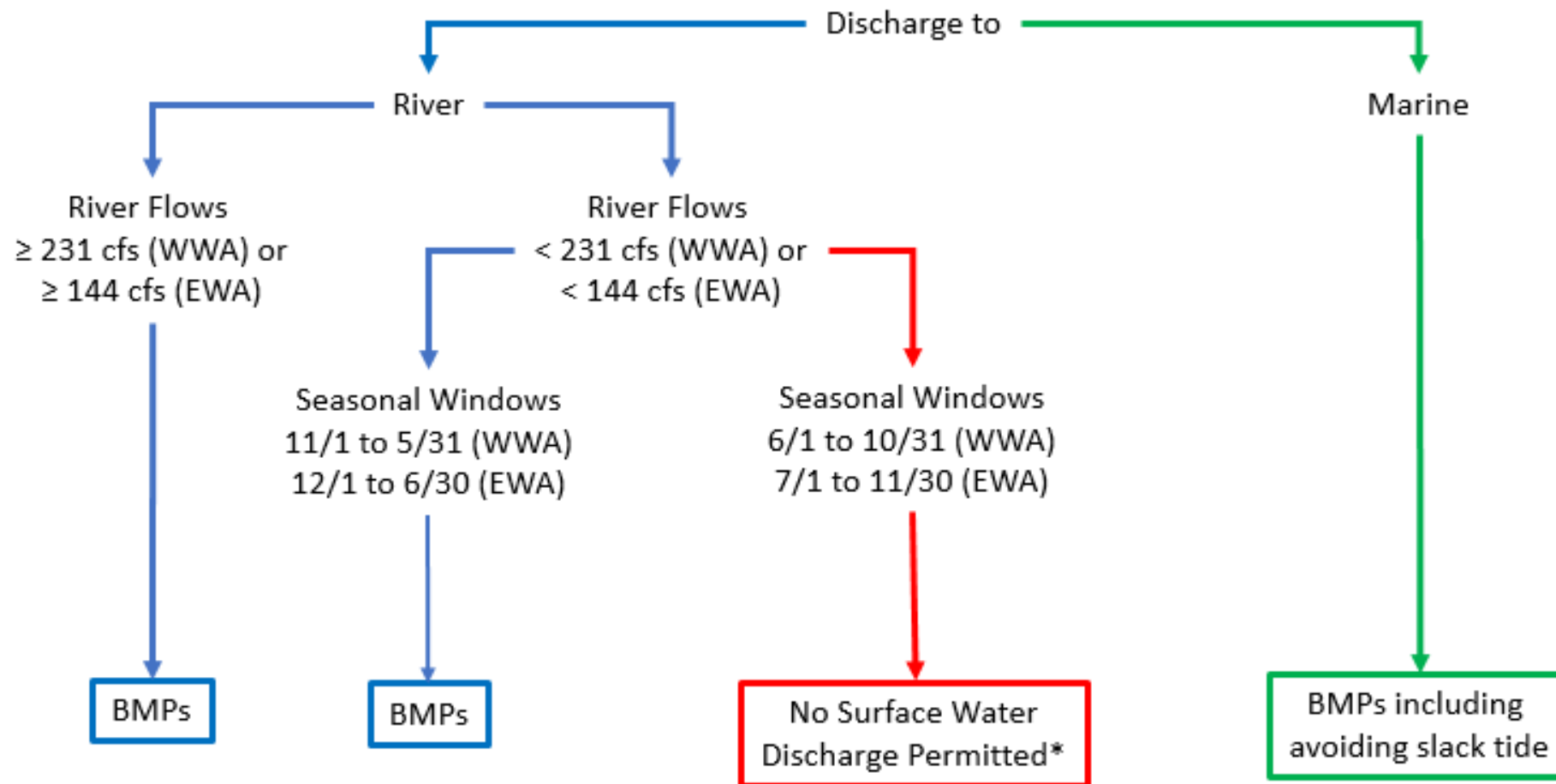
- **Maintenance**

Parameter	Mean (range) - Dissolved	Mean (range) - Total
Copper (µg/L)	9.2 (0 - 119)	109 (2 - 960)
Lead (µg/L)	35 (0 - 600)	1705 (7.2 - 14,000)
Zinc (µg/L)	305 (0 - 2300)	2728 (7.7 - 43,000)

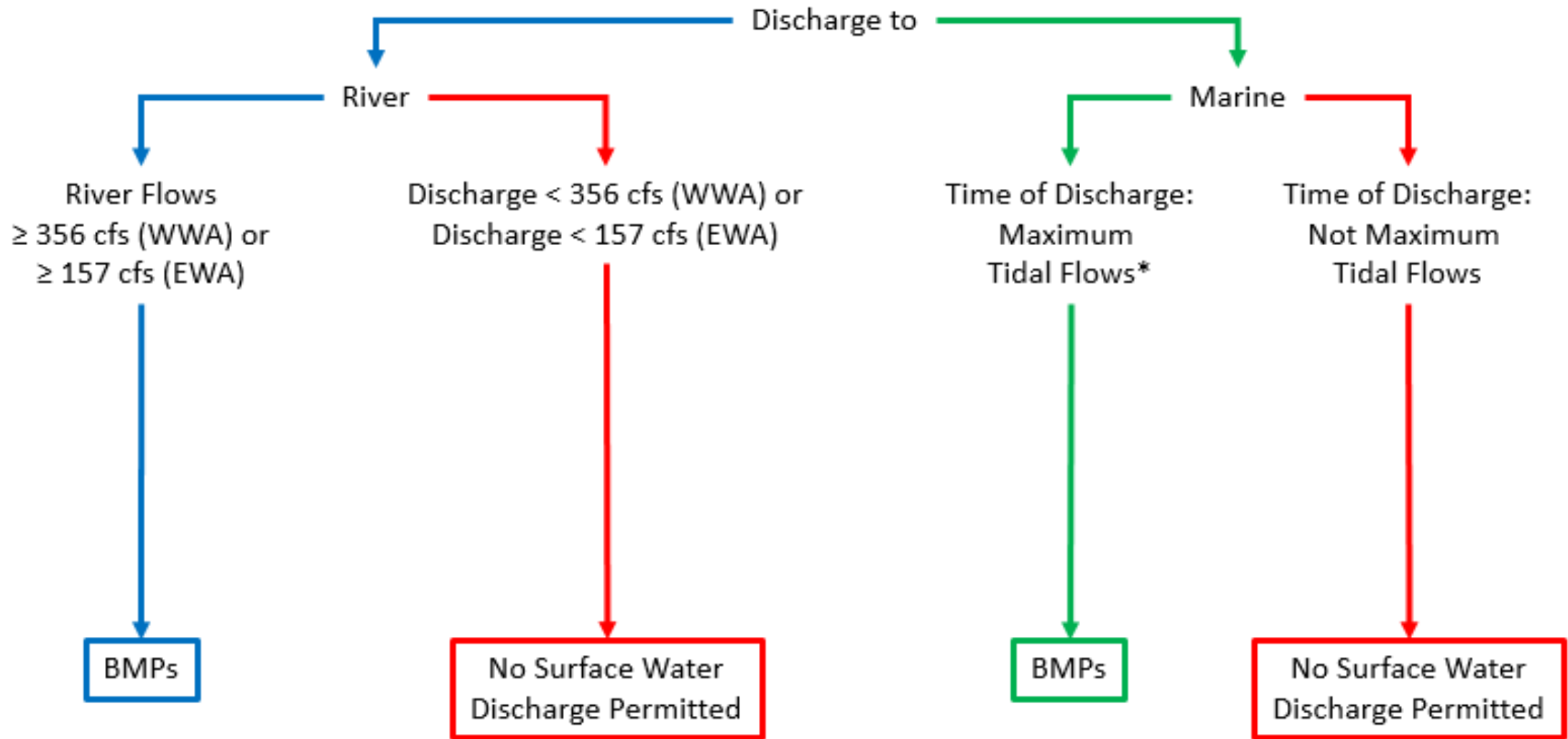
- **Preparatory (pre-painting)**

Parameter	Mean (range) - Dissolved	Mean (range) - Total
Copper (µg/L)	40.5 (16 - 178)	411 (45 - 2,050)
Lead (µg/L)	410.7 (48.8 - 1,670)	23,659 (1,220 - 96,100)
Zinc (µg/L)	1826.8 (166 - 4,610)	8,506 (1,650 - 31,592)

Maintenance & Spot Cleaning Discharges



Preparatory Washing Discharges



* Maximum Tidal Flows: 1-hour after high or low slack tide → 1-hour prior to next high or low slack tide 17

Monitoring

Discharge Monitoring for WSDOT:

- Metals (Pb, Zn, Cu)
- Discharge Volume & Duration
- Greater of 5 or 10% of Bridges

Reporting:

- Annual Report
- Washwater Characterization Report

Major Changes to General Permit

- 1. Coverage Option for Multiple Structures
(Local Governments)**
- 2. Reducing Stream Flow Thresholds
(Seasonal Windows Apply)**