

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

PUGET SOUNDKEEPER ALLIANCE, <i>et al.</i> ,	CASE NO. C20-0950-JCC
Plaintiffs,	MINUTE ORDER
v.	
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, <i>et al.</i> ,	
Defendants.	

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C. Coughenour, United States District Judge:

This matter comes before the Court on the parties’ stipulated motion to further stay the proceedings (Dkt. No. 57). Plaintiffs bring claims against the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers challenging three successive rules defining “waters of the United States” in the Clean Water Act. (*See generally* Dkt. No. 40.) On February 8, 2021, the Court issued an order staying this matter based on President Biden’s January 20, 2021, Executive Order. (*See generally* Dkt. No. 47.) The Court extended the stay four times while the agencies’ review of the rule and rulemaking process to revise the definition at issue remained ongoing. (Dkt. Nos. 50, 52, 54, 56.)

The parties now ask the Court to stay the proceedings because the Agencies currently

1 expect to issue a final regulation by the end of the year. (*See* Dkt. No. 57 at 4). Accordingly, the
2 parties wish to stay the proceeding until January 20, 2023. (*Id.*)

3 Having thoroughly considered the motion and the relevant record, and finding good
4 cause, the Court GRANTS the motion (Dkt. No. 57) and ORDERS:

- 5 1. This matter, including but not limited to all pending motions, is STAYED until
6 January 20, 2023.
- 7 2. The parties must file a joint status report on or before January 31, 2023, to update the
8 Court on the status of the case.

9 DATED this 2nd day of September 2022.

10 Ravi Subramanian
Clerk of Court

11 s/Sandra Rawski
12 Deputy Clerk