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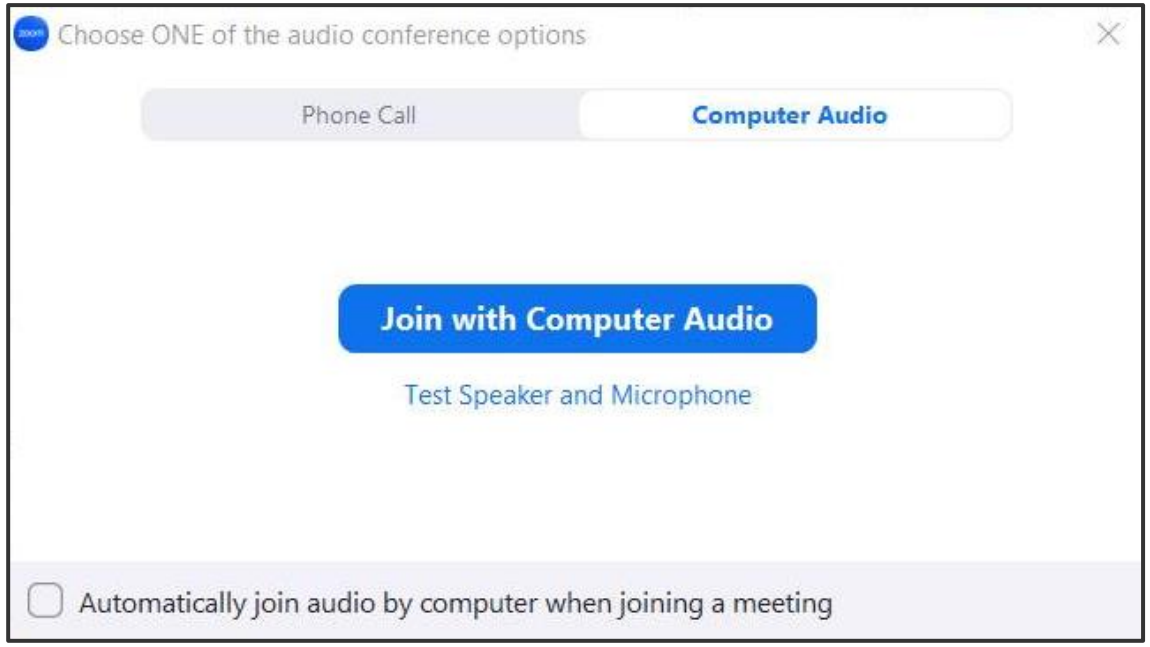

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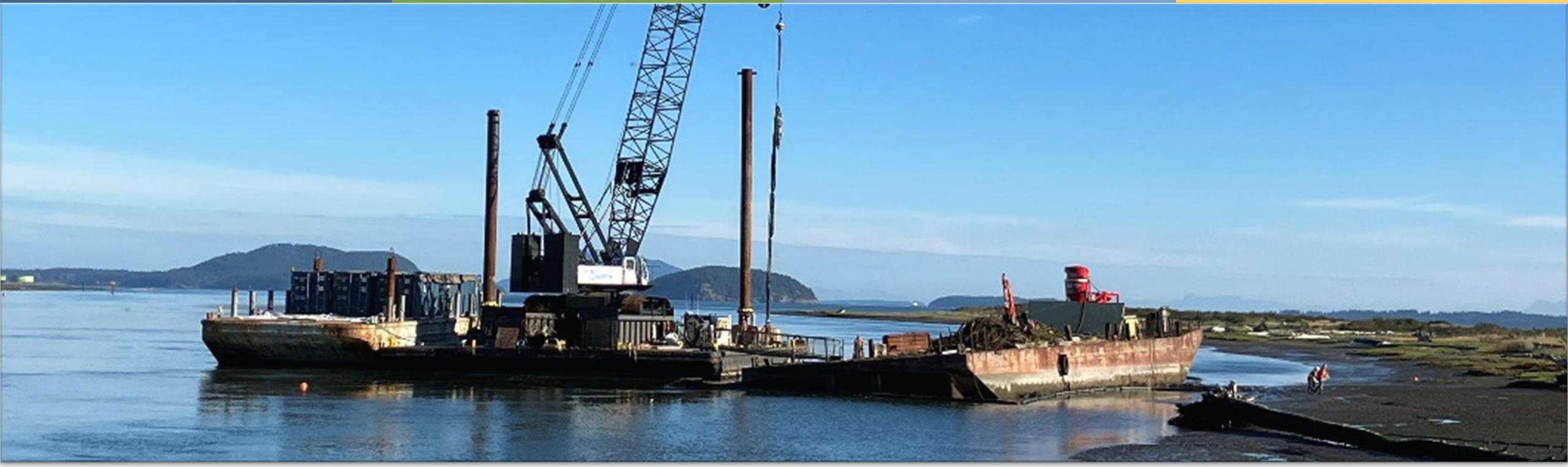

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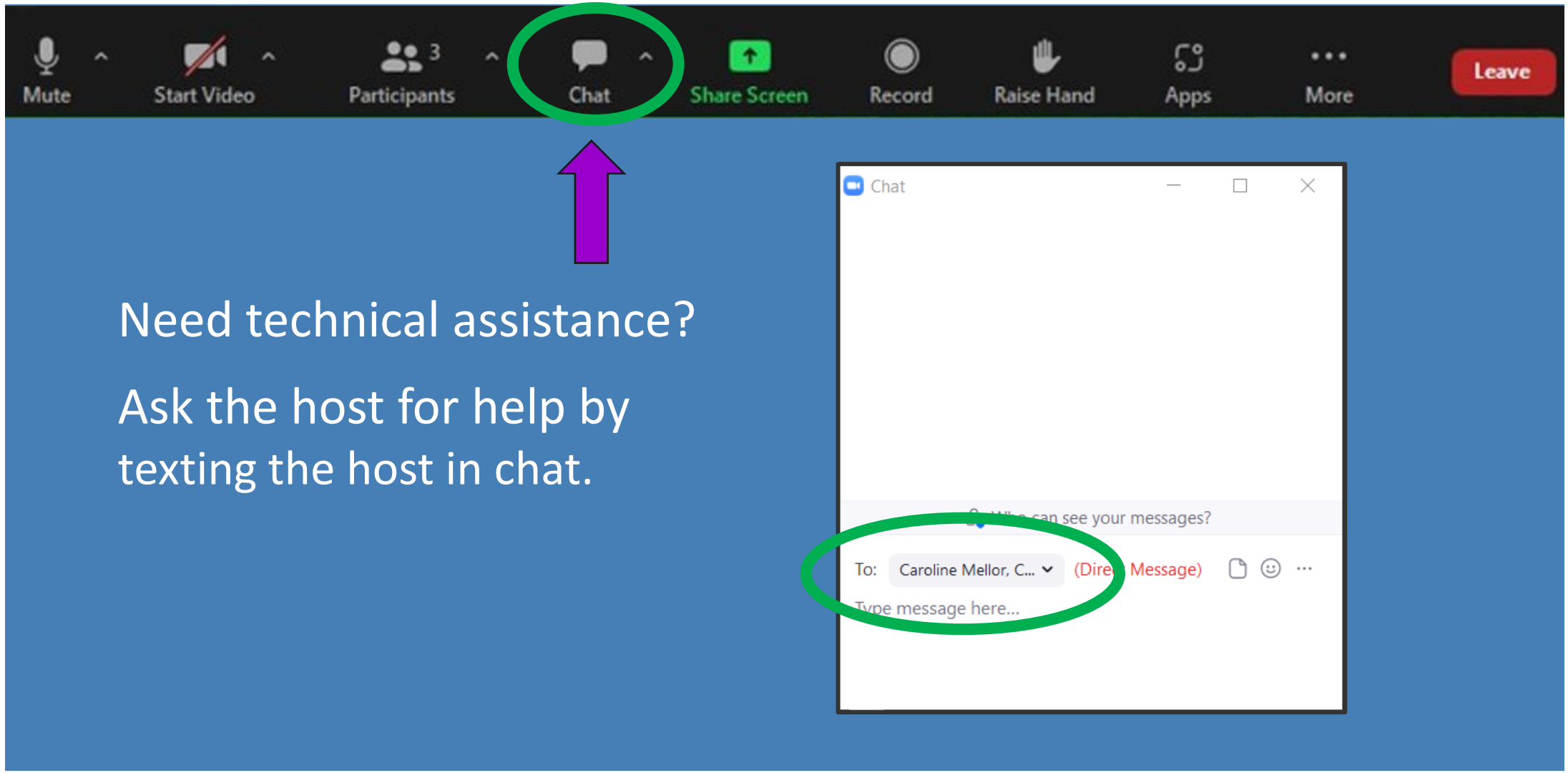

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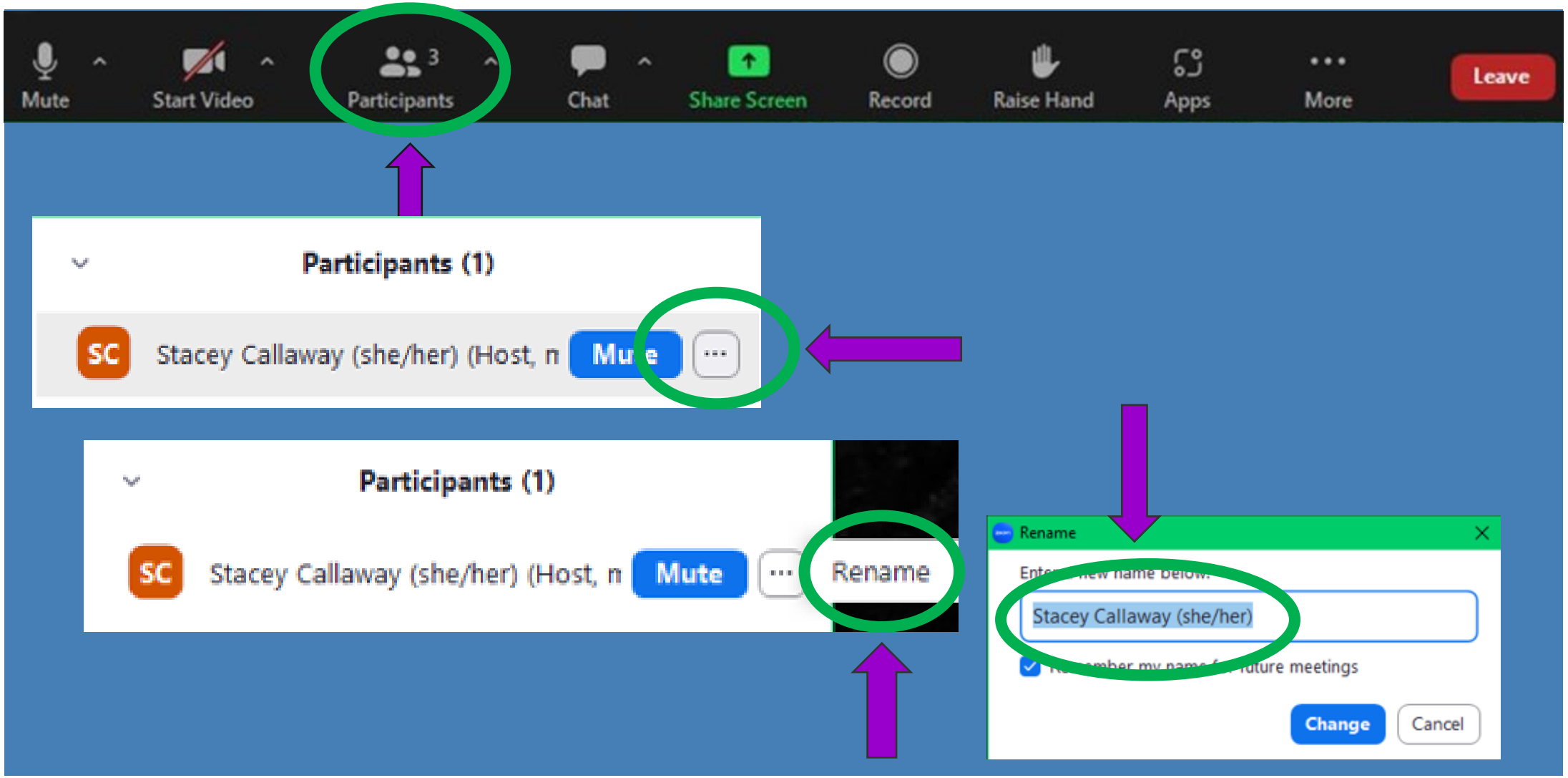

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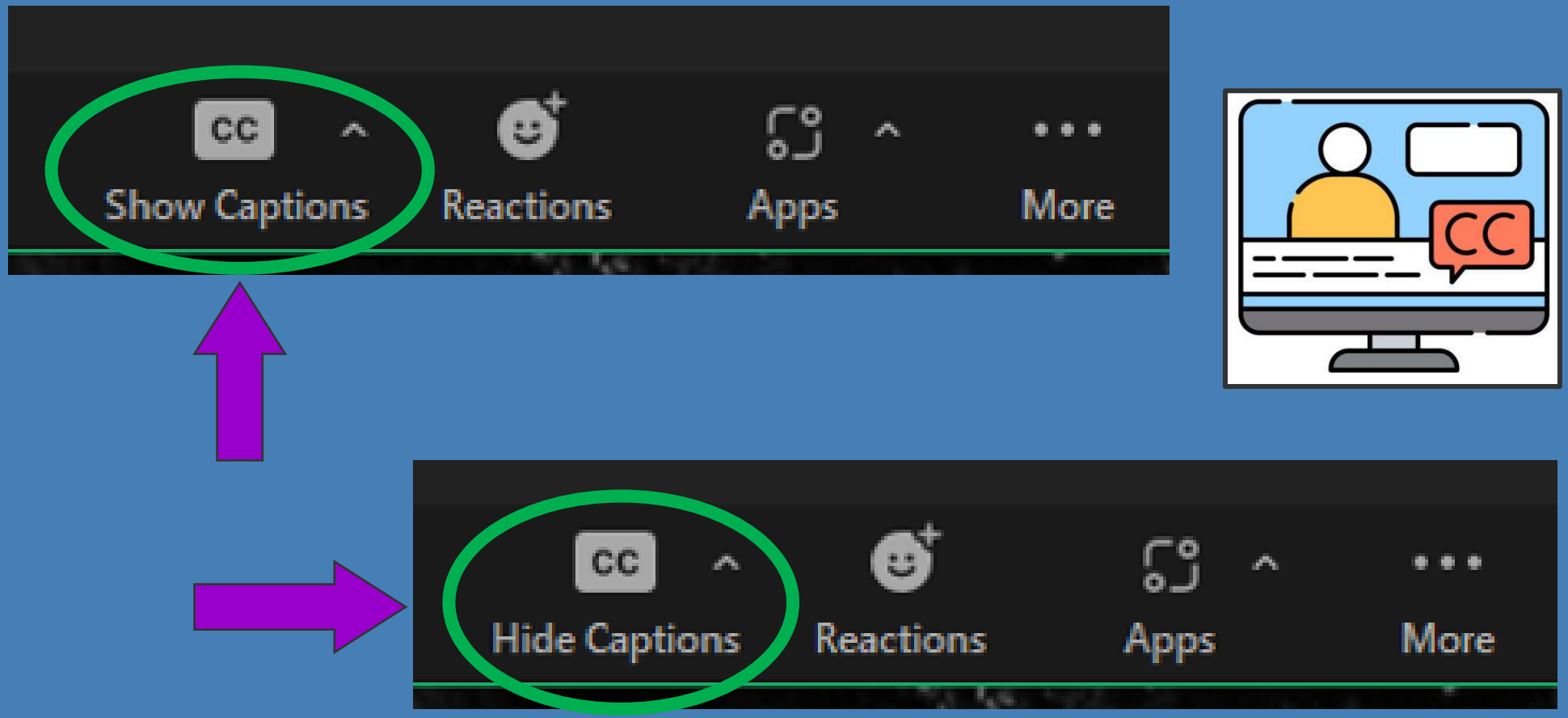

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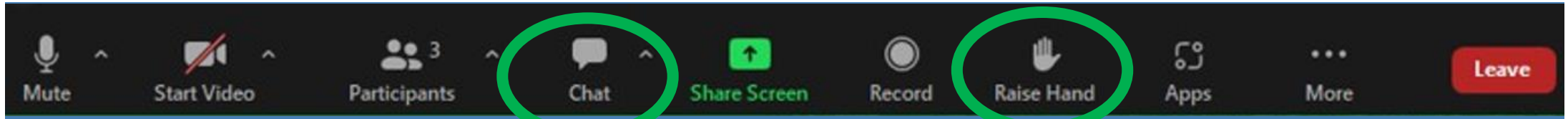


Use the chat to ask a question during the workshop.

Use the raise hand to indicate you have a question during the workshop or wish to testify at the hearing.

Introducing our team

- Eric Daiber, Permit Writer
- Matthew Tietjen: Technical Assistance
- Tim Poppleton: Hearing Officer

Today's schedule

1. Presentation on the draft Permit
2. Q&A session
3. Permit Hearing

Announcements and Next Steps

Vessel Deconstruction Draft General Permit Workshop and Hearing Dates

- Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023 – Webinar, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023 – Webinar, 9:00 am

Comment period closes on **Dec. 6, 2023, 11:59 pm**

Ground rules

- Use respectful language.
- Remain muted unless speaking.
- Limit background noise (cell phones, pets, etc.).
- Be mindful of the length of your testimony.

Vessel Deconstruction General Permit

Eric Daiber, Permit Writer

Vessel Deconstruction General Permit

Conditionally authorizes discharges of:

- Stormwater associated with deconstruction activity
- Drydock floodwater associated with deconstruction activity

Vessel Deconstruction General Permit – Authority

Federal Clean Water Act (1972, and later modifications)

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

Delegated authority from EPA

Washington applicable legislation

Chapter 90.48 RCW

Chapter 173-226 WAC

Chapter 173-201A WAC

Chapter 173-200 WAC

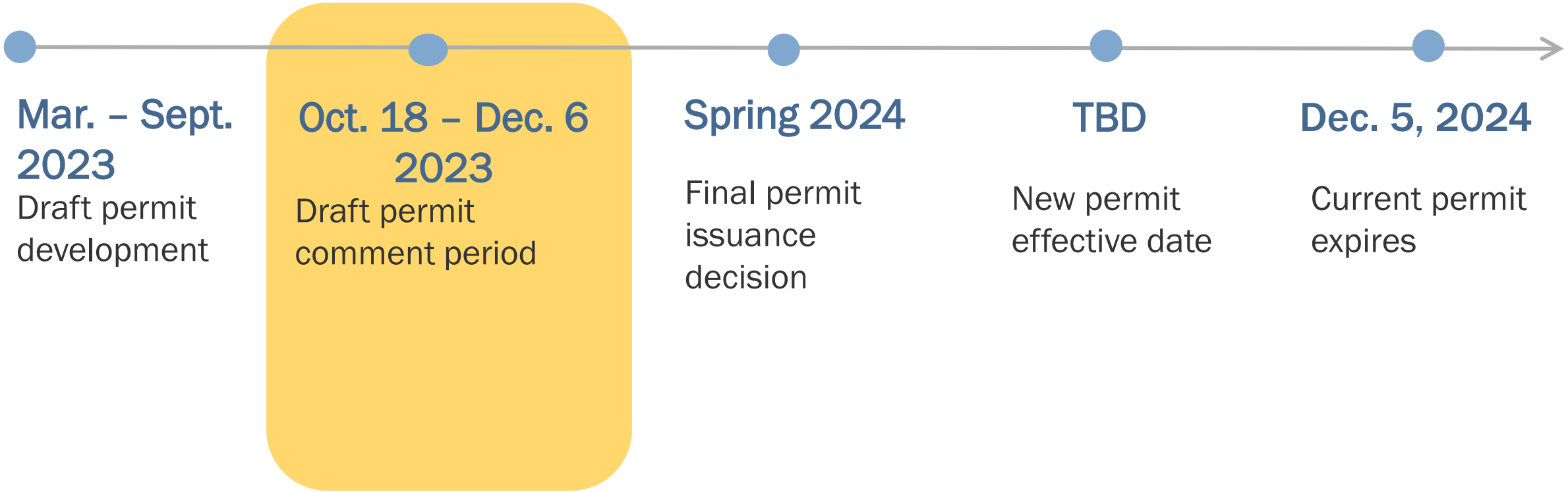
All NPDES Permits must be renewed every 5 years

Vessel Deconstruction General Permit - Background

- 2 permittees and 5 vessels deconstructed
- Non-routine discharges occurred during 2 deconstructions.
- WA Department of Natural Resources Derelict Vessel Program

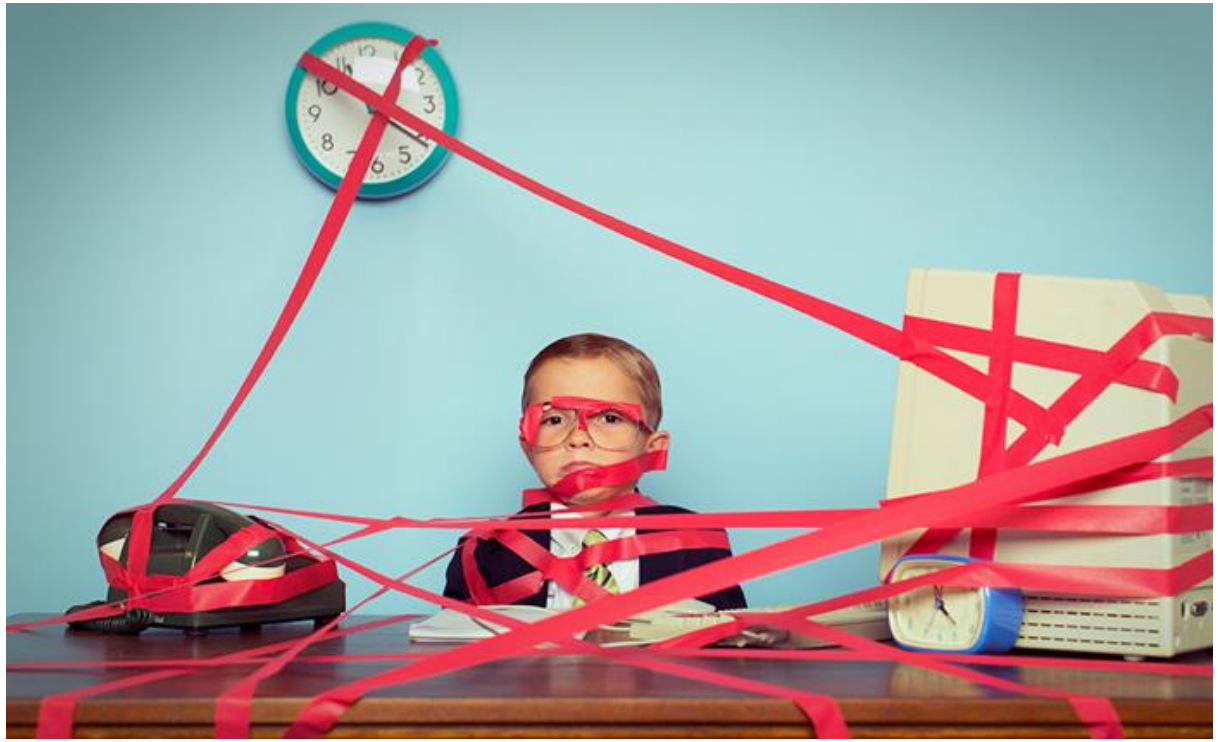
Vessel Deconstruction General Permit - Reissuance Timeline

Where we're headed next



What We Heard – Room for Improvement

- Too many delays before vessel deconstruction can begin
- Permit is expensive



Overview of the Changes to the Vessel Deconstruction General Permit

General Changes

- Public Notice
- SEPA
- Drydock Flooding BMPs
- Clarifying Changes

Application Process Changes

- Electronic Notice of Intent
- Update Beginning of Deconstruction Notice

Vessel Deconstruction General Permit Text Changes

Public Notice Requirements

We added the following statement to quicken the permitting process:

"Public notice is not required if the permittee has previously circulated public notice under this permit for the same type of discharge to the same receiving water(s) in the same geographical area."

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Ecology will require a SEPA checklist and/or a SEPA determination for a vessel deconstruction (per Chapter 197-11 WAC).

Best Management Practices Drydock Flooding

Discharge from a drydock is prohibited until deconstruction is complete and drydock is cleaned.

Wastewater must be collected and disposed of off-site.

Collection sumps must be cleaned prior to drydock flooding and disposed of in accordance with Solid Waste regulations.

Improved Clarity and Readability

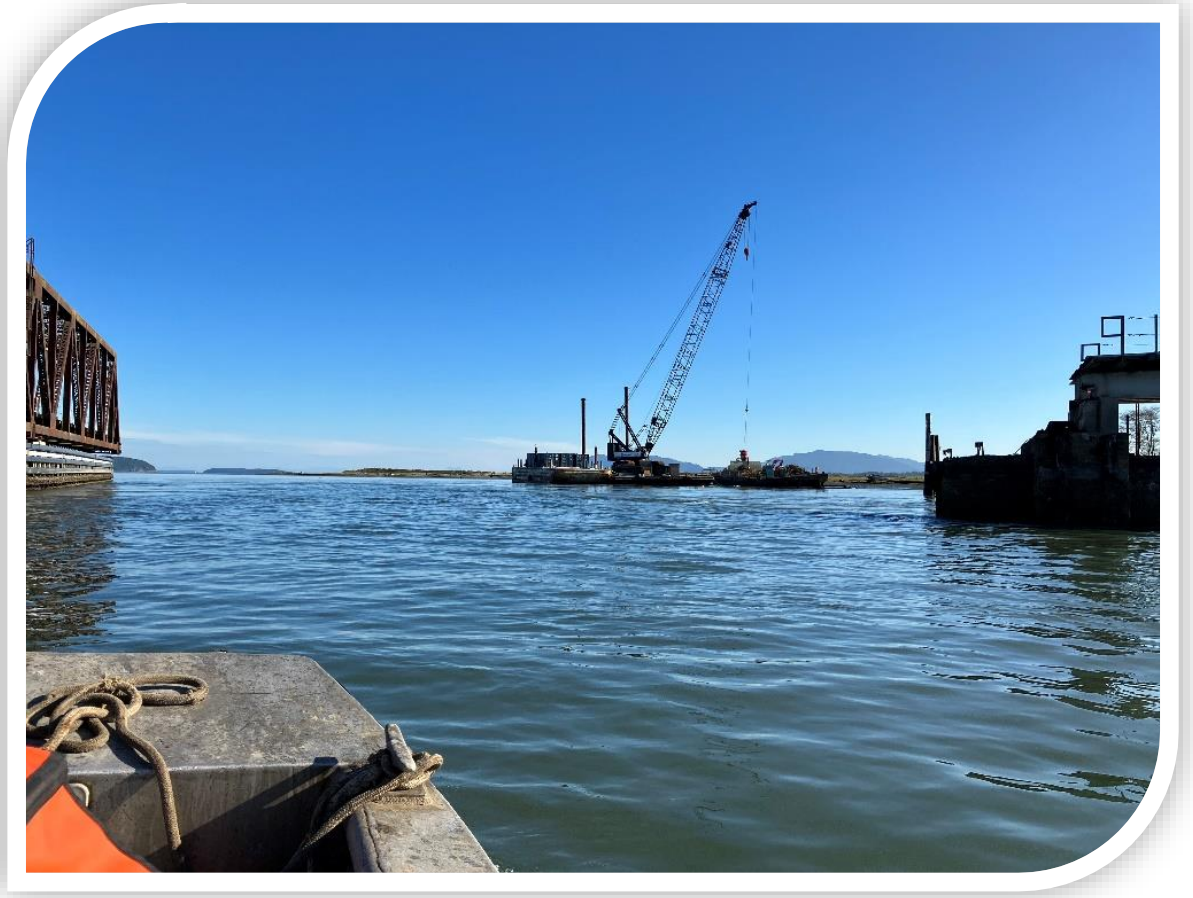
Split Special Condition 4: Discharge Limits and Sampling Requirements section into **Special Condition 4: Effluent Limits** and **Special Condition 5: Sampling Requirements** sections.

Other Changes

Follow aquatic invasive species guidance for **ballast waters.**

Add **tributyltin** and **chemical oxygen demand** to list of pollutants that must be monitored for non-routine discharges.

Small typographical changes throughout.



Vessel Deconstruction General Permit Application Changes

Application Forms/Process

- Simplified application for coverage

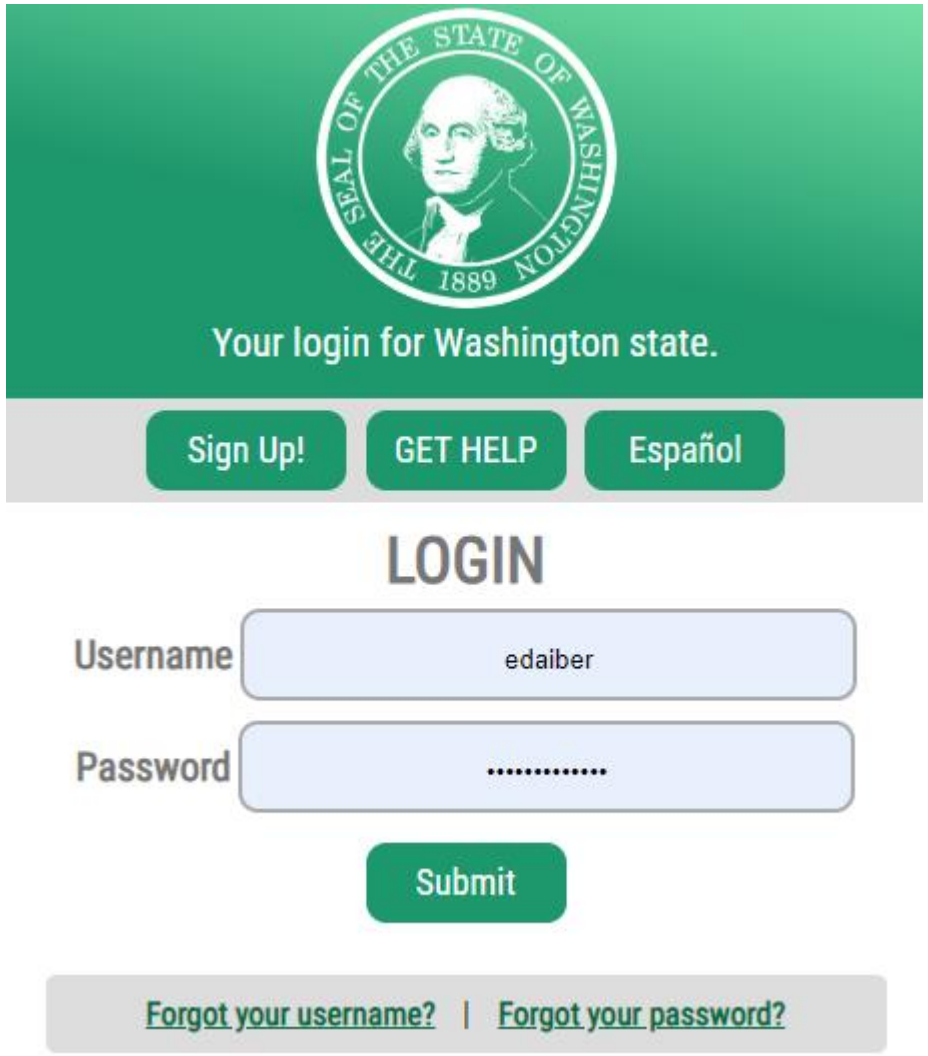
  New electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI)

  Submitted Once!

- The Beginning of Deconstruction Notice form

  Contains information previously on the NOI

  Submit for each new vessel deconstruction.



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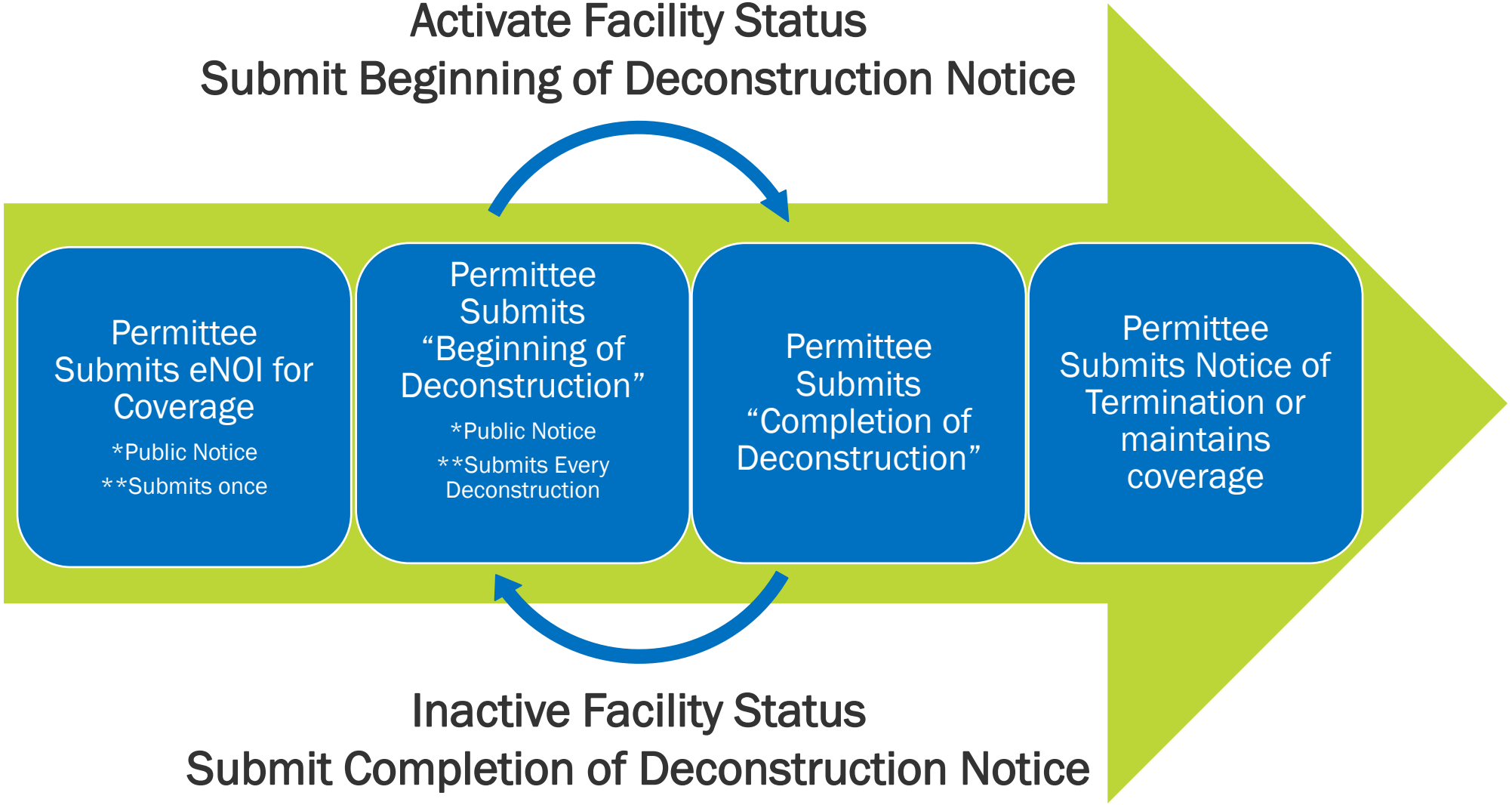

Additional Information

Vessel Deconstruction General Permit Webpage

https://Ecology.wa.gov/vesseldeconstruction

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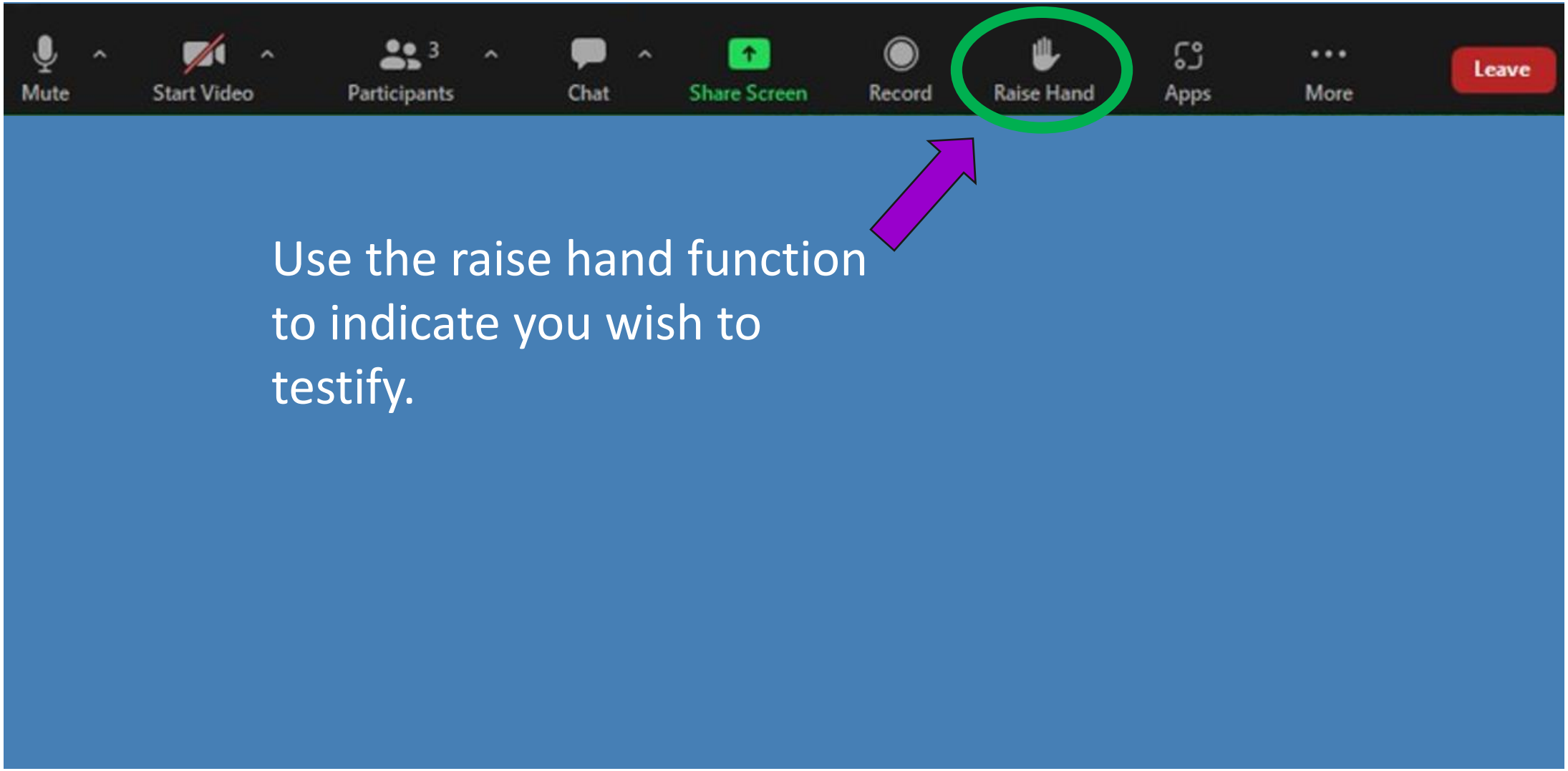

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