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U. S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)  
Transportation Permitting Branch

NC Division of Water Resources  
Transportation Permitting Branch

ATTN: NCDOT Coordinator NCDOT Coordinator

Subject: **Reverification of Regional General Permit 50 & 401 Water Quality Certification  
for the Replacement of Bridge 980029 over I-77 on US 21 in Yadkin County,  
Division 11, TIP B-5833, WBS: 45786.1.2**

Dear NCDOT Coordinators:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) hereby requests reverification of the impacts to potential Waters of the United States for the above referenced project that were previously authorized under an expiring Regional General Permit (RGP) and/or Water Quality Certification (WQC).

**Previous Authorization Information**

<b>USACE Action ID</b>	SAW-2022-02123	<b>NCDWR Project No.</b>	20221363
<b>RGP No.</b>	50	<b>General Certification No.</b>	4135
<b>Date Issued</b>	December 5, 2022	<b>Date Issued</b>	November 7, 2022

The previous permit application and authorization can be found here:

[B-5833 Yadkin 29](#)

**Lead Federal Agency:**

FHWA  USACE

**Project Status:**

Pre-Let  Under Construction

**Reverifications Requested:**

RGP 31  RGP 50  Individual 401 WQC  GC 7679 For the Record Only

*Mailing Address:*  
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## Supporting Documentation of Previous Permitting Decision

Topic	Notes / Changes
Permit Drawings	No Change
Impact Summary	No Change
Mitigation	No Change
Endangered Species Act	Change (See table below)
Archaeology	No Change
Historic Architecture and Landscapes	No Change
Tribal Coordination	No Tribes Added

## Endangered Species Act

Protected Species listed from IPaC<sup>1</sup> as of the date of this request:

Common Name	Habitat Present	Survey Dates	Biological Conclusion	FWS Concurrence Remarks
Schweinitz's sunflower	Yes	10/16/25	No Effect	n/a
Monarch butterfly P <sup>2</sup>	n/a	n/a	Not Required	n/a
Gray bat	Yes	n/a	MA-LAA	MA-LAA <sup>3</sup>

1 IPaC – Information for Planning and Consultation (US Fish and Wildlife Service)

2 P = Proposed: Monarch butterfly was proposed for federal listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in December 2024. However, no regulatory protections will take effect until the listing is finalized. Until that time, proposed species do not receive formal ESA protections.

3 MA-LAA = May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect

See attached western bat PBO response letter from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Erin Cheely at [ekcheely@ncdot.gov](mailto:ekcheely@ncdot.gov) or (919)707-6108.

Sincerely,



Erin K. Cheely

ECAP Western Team Lead



# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

### Asheville Field Office

160 Zillico Street Suite B  
Asheville, North Carolina 28801



January 26, 2026

**Subject:** Review Response for Transportation Project(s) Covered by the Western North Carolina Bat Programmatic Biological Opinion

Greetings:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Asheville Ecological Services Field Office, has reviewed the project(s) submitted on January 22, 2026, for coverage under the Western North Carolina (WNC) Bat Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO), issued April 1, 2025. Based on the submitted materials and any supplemental information provided, we confirm the project(s) meet the criteria for coverage under this PBO in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) (ESA), thus concluding formal consultation for the project(s).

This correspondence conveys our review for listed/proposed bats covered by the WNC Bat PBO only. The lead federal agency (Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or North Carolina Department of Transportation as their designee, or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) remains responsible for ensuring that any other listed or proposed species and/or designated critical habitat that occurs within the project action area are addressed in accordance with section 7 of the ESA. For other listed species potentially occurring in the action area, if suitable habitat is absent from the action area, “No Effect” determinations are appropriate. For plants, in instances where suitable habitat is present and botanical surveys conducted during the optimal survey window and within the past one or two years (depending on the species) have negative results, we would concur with a biological determination of “may affect, not likely to adversely affect” (NLAA).

Review and concurrence under the WNC Bat PBO are considered complete for the following projects:

Project Title	NCDOT STIP/ID #	USFWS Log #
Puckett Rd./ SR 1326	HB-0055	26-107
Indian Grave Rd./SR 1514	HB-0056	26-108
Old Johns River Rd./SR 1356	HB-0057	26-109
Old Johns River Rd./SR 1356	HB-0058	26-110
Old Johns River Rd./SR 1356	HB-0059	26-111
Old Johns River Rd./SR 1356	HB-0060	26-112
CC Camp Rd/1574	HB-0061	26-113
Aldridge Rd./ SR 1594	HB-0062	26-114
Colvard Rd./1559	HB-0063	26-115
Sheets Gap/SR 1567	HB-0064	26-116

Casper Hawkins Rd/SR 1170	HB-0065	26-117
Whiteoak Rd./SR 1355	HB-0066	26-118
Scenic Valley Rd./SR 1433	HB-0067	26-119
Helton Rd./SR 1527	HB-0068	26-120
Bus 421	HB-0069	26-121
Curtis Bridge Rd./SR 1185	HB-0020	26-122
Silas Creek Rd./SR 1523	HB-0043	26-123
McNeil Rd./SR 1644	HB-0044	26-124
Upper Cranberry Rd./SR 1609	HB-0045	16-125
Liberty Grove Rd./SR 1105	HB-0046	26-126
Jim Duval Rd/ SR 1528	HB-0047	26-127
Double Springs Church Rd/SR 1606	HB-0048	26-128
Fulton Reeves Rd./SR 1602	HB-0049	26-129
Clifton Rd/SR 1563	HB-0050	26-130
Brown Rd./SR 1104	HB-0052	26-131
Ed Little Rd./SR 1126	HB-0053	26-132
Methodist Camp Church Rd./SR 1222	HB-0054	26-133
Improve US 601	C-5603I	26-134
SR 1166 Culvert Maintenance	GMR09.STO.2PB	26-135
US 21 Bus over I-77	B-5833	24-216

We appreciate the opportunity for review and comment.

Sincerely,

*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Asheville Field Office*

# Project Submittal Interim Form



Updated December 4, 2023

*Please note: fields marked with a red asterisk \* below are required. You will not be able to submit the form until all mandatory questions are answered.*

## Project Type: \*

- For the Record Only (Courtesy Copy)
- New Project
- Modification/New Project with Existing ID
- More Information Response
- Other Agency Comments
- Pre-Application Submittal
- Re-Issuance\Renewal Request
- Stream or Buffer Appeal

**Is this application for a project associated with emergency response/repairs from Hurricane Helene impacts to your project or property? \***

Yes  No

## Project Contact Information

### Name:

Erin Cheely

Who is submitting the information?

### Email Address: \*

ekcheely@ncdot.gov

## Project Information

### Existing ID #: \*

20221363

20170001 (no dashes)

### Existing Version: \*

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### Project Name: \*

B-5833 - Bridge 29 over I-77 on US 21

**Is this a public transportation project? \***

Yes  No

**Is this a DOT project? \***

Yes  No

**Is the project located within a NC DCM Area of Environmental Concern (AEC)? \***

Yes  No  Unknown

**Does this project involve maintenance dredging funded by the Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging and Aquatic Weed Fund, electric generation projects located at an existing or former electric generating facility, or involve the distribution or transmission of energy or fuel, including natural gas, diesel, petroleum, or electricity? \***

Yes  No

**Is this project connected with ARPA funding? \***

Yes  No

**TIP#:**

B-5833

**WBS#:**

45786.1.2

(Applies to DOT projects only)

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**County (ies) \***

Yadkin

**Please upload all files that need to be submitted.**

Click the upload button or drag and drop files here to attach document

B-5833 2026-02-13 Renewal Request.pdf 401.2KB

Only pdf or kmz files are accepted.

**Describe the attachments or add comments:**

Requesting RGP renewal for B-5833.

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By checking the box and signing box below, I certify that:

- I, the project proponent, hereby certifies that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I, the project proponent, hereby requests that the certifying authority review and take action on this CWA 401 certification request within the applicable reasonable period of time.
- I agree that submission of this online form is a “transaction” subject to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the “Uniform Electronic Transactions Act”);
- I agree to conduct this transaction by electronic means pursuant to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the “Uniform Electronic Transactions Act”);
- I understand that an electronic signature has the same legal effect and can be enforced in the same way as a written signature; AND
- I intend to electronically sign and submit the online form.

**Signature: \***

Erin K. Cheely

**Submittal Date:**

2/13/2026