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July 30, 2021

Washington Department of Transportation
Attn: Steve Fuchs
P.O. Box 47440
Olympia, WA 98504-7440

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference # NWS-2020-864-DOT,
SR 167/I-5 to SR 509 – New Expressway (Stage 1b) in Pierce County, Washington

Dear Steve Fuchs:

On September 22, 2020, The Department of Ecology received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. On March 22, 2021 the Department of Ecology and Washington Department of Transportation agreed to stay the CZM review period until March 22, 2022.

This determination is for construction of a 2-mile section of road between SR 509 and I-5 as well as a new portion of the SR 167 alignment between I-5 and 20th Street East. The project also includes construction of the Riparian Restoration Program which is part of the proposed aquatic mitigation in the Hylebos Creek and Surprise Lake Tributary area of Stage 1b work and for future projects proposed by WSDOT. The new 2-mile long spur and the new portion of SR 167 alignment requires multiple local and state route improvements including a new roundabout, interchange at 54th Avenue East, new diverging diamond interchange at I-5 and alignment and widening on the SR 509 North Frontage Road and South Frontage Road between approximately Taylor Way and Alexander Avenue East, and Port of Tacoma Road. Two toll points will be constructed in the vicinity of 8th Street East. Existing bridges and culvert associated with highways and local roads will be removed and new structures will be built to cross existing roadways, trails, streams and accommodate stream realignments within the riparian restoration program areas. Enhanced water quality treatments facilities, flow control facilities, drainage collection and conveyance system and naturalized stormwater outfall channels will be built to manage stormwater runoff prior to discharging to existing storm drainage systems, Fife Ditch, Wapato Creek, and the riparian restoration areas. Stormwater wetland ponds will be constructed in the median of SR 509 and adjacent to I-5. These improvements will be located within the cities of Tacoma, Fife, Milton, Edgewood and portions of unincorporated Pierce County in Washington in Pierce County.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with the Washington Department of Transportation's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency determination, please contact Penny Kelley at 360-280-8856.

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION

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Sincerely,



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