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September 28, 2022

Washington Department of Transportation
ATTN: Jeff Sawyer
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Re: Coastal Zone Consistency for I-5, Mounts Rd to Steilacoom-Dupont Rd – Corridor
Improvements project (Corps No. NWS-2022-105-DOT) in Pierce County, Washington

Dear Jeff Sawyer:

On August 18, 2022, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project.

This determination is for the construction of a continuous through lane on I-5 which would be used for HOVs between Mounts Road and Thorne Land in the northbound direction and between Thorne Lane and Steilacoom-Dupont Road in the southbound direction.

Improvements include:

- Demolition of a functionally obsolete existing bridge over I-5 at Steilacoom-DuPont Road, and replacement with longer and higher bridges to accommodate the proposed additional I-5 lands and minimum vertical clearances over I-5.
- Add a new northbound auxiliary lane from Center Drive (Exist 118) to Steilacoom-Dupont Road (Exit 119).
- Reconstruction of the interchange ramps to connect to the new bridges over I-5.
- Construction of a new intersection between Steilacoom-DuPont Road and Wilmington Drive.
- Construction of two noise walls.
- Stormwater management, illumination, traffic signals, Intelligent Transportation Systems, and signing would also be included in the project.

These improvements would be located on I-5 between Mounts Road (Exit 116) and Thorne Lane (Exit 123) in DuPont and Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Pierce County.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with 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 Caroline Corcoran at (425)457-3378 or caroline.corcoran@ecy.wa.gov.

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. The appeal process is governed RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08. “Date of receipt” is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). More information is available at <https://eluh.wa.gov/content/11>.

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

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see filing options below). “Filing” means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. “Notice of appeal” is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this Order on the Department of 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 RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08.

Filing an appeal with the PCHB:

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit:
<https://eluh.wa.gov/content/11>

Filing by mail

Mailing Address:

Pollution Control Hearings Board
PO Box 40903
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Filing in person (or by certified mail/courier)

Street Address:

Pollution Control Hearings Board
1111 Israel RD SW
STE 301
Tumwater, WA 98501

Filing electronically

E-mail Address:

Pchb-shbappeals@eluh.wa.gov



Serving a copy of the appeal on Ecology:

Electronic copies of appeals are not accepted at the Department of Ecology per WAC 371-08-305(10).

Filing by mail

Mailing Address:

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Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
PO Box 47608
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

Filing in person (or by certified mail/courier)

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Sincerely,



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