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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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December 2, 2022

Skagit County Public Works
ATTN: David Walde
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Re: Coastal Zone Consistency for Francis Road Reconstruction Section 1 (Corps No. **NWS-2021-788**), Skagit County, Washington

Dear David Walde:

On January 24, 2022, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project.

On July 13, 2022, Skagit County Public Works and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM until December 28, 2022 in order for the Applicant to obtain a shoreline permit, a Section 401 Water Quality Certification, and a Construction Stormwater General Permit. Skagit County Public Works has obtained the needed information identified above and Ecology has completed its review.

This determination is for reconstruction and widening of a 0.61-mile section of Francis Road. between milepost 5.05 and 5.66. The project will include clearing, grading, paving of a new road surface, and relocating utilities. The widened roadway will consist of two 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders. Culverts will be placed beneath the road to maintain hydrologic connectivity. Approximately 1.092 acres of wetland will be filled. Compensation for 1.092 acres of wetland fill will be accomplished through purchase of 1.311 wetland bank credits. These improvements would be located between milepost 5.05 and 5.66 of Francis Road, west of the intersection with SR 9, and approximately 2.5 miles north Mount Vernon, Washington in Skagit County.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency determination, please contact Chris Luerkens at (360) 410-4807.

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://eluhwa.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://eluhwa.gov/content/11>

Filing by mail

Mailing Address:

Pollution Control Hearings Board
PO Box 40903
Olympia, WA 98504-0903

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

Filing electronically

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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).

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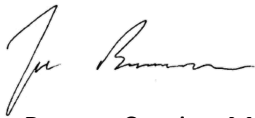
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