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Washington Department of Transportation  
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Interstate 90  
(I-90)/State Route (SR ) 18 Interchange to Deep Creek – Interchange Improvements  
& Widening project, (Corps No.NWS-2019-115-DOT) in  
King County, Washington

Dear John Maas:

On March 3, 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 August 29, 2022, the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM until September 3, 2023, in order for the Applicant to complete the permitting process for Section 401 Certification and shoreline permitting under the Shoreline Management Act.

This determination is for construction of a four-lane diverging diamond interchange (DDI) at the I-90/SR 18 interchange and widening SR 18 from milepost 25.41 to milepost 27.91, extending north along Snoqualmie Pkwy to SE 99<sup>th</sup> Street. Extending south from the interchange to Deep Creek, the highway will be widened to four lanes. From Deep Creek to the southernmost limits of the project (milepost 25.41 ) SR 18 will be three lanes in order to tie in with the existing highway. The closed weigh station located in the northwest quadrant of the interchange will be removed. Existing culverts at Lake Creek and Deep Creek will be replaced with four lane bridges and a new two-lane bridge will be constructed next to the existing bridge over the Raging River. In addition to replacing the culverts (located south of the interchange ) on Lake Creek and Deep Creek, a series of fish barriers will be corrected within the interchange itself. A section of Lake Creek

will be daylighted through the interchange that includes to fish passable crossing and stream channel enhancement, allowing fish to pass through and reach fish habitat north of the interchange as well as south. Other project elements include a pedestrian trail/walkway as well as constructing stormwater facilities and installing stormwater drainage and treatment in the interchange and along SR 18. The project will result in impacts to wetlands. Mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank will be used for compensatory wetland mitigation. In addition, all temporary impact areas to streams and wetlands will be restored on site. The fish passage barrier at King County Road, SE 104<sup>th</sup>, will be replaced with a fish passage structure.

The project site is located on SR 18 and includes the SR 18/I-90 Interchange (I-90: milepost 24.80 to milepost 27.49) and SR 18: milepost 27.91 to milepost 25.41) and includes multiple streams (Lake Creek, Deep Creek, Raging River and unnamed tributaries to these waterbodies), located within King County, Washington.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with WSDOT '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. 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://elaho.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:**

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<https://eluho.wa.gov/content/11>

**Filing by mail**

**Mailing Address:**

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

**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@eluho.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).

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Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
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Sincerely,



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