



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
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May 2, 2023

WA Department of Transportation  
ATTN: Victoria Book  
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for US 101 Elwha River Bridge Replacement (Corps No. NWS-2018-0917-DOT-A) in Clallam County, Washington

Dear Victoria Book:

On January 12, 2023, 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 constructing a new bridge north (downstream) of an existing bridge that has experienced significant scour upon removal of the Elwha River Dams. The new bridge will have two piers in the water, consisting of two drilled shafts and two bridge columns per pier. The existing bridge will be utilized during construction for local traffic. Upon completion of the new bridge, the existing bridge will be demolished in two stages. The first stage will remove the western end of the bridge and the second stage will remove the remaining eastern end. The staged demolition allows the river to be shifted to one side of the channel, creating an isolated work area where demolition debris can be contained and removed. Downstream of the existing and new bridge structures, 12 engineered log jams will be constructed as mitigation for riverine impacts resulting from emergency actions to address the scour around bridge footings of the existing bridge in 2016 and 2017.

The project site is located on US 101 at milepost 239.5 (8.8 miles west of Port Angeles) crossing the Elwha River in Clallam County, Washington.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with WA 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. The appeal process is governed Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). More information is available at <https://eluh.wa.gov/content/11>.

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. 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 Order:

- 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 Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

## **Filing an appeal with the PCHB:**

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

## **Address and Location Information**

### **Street Address:**

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Not currently available (see WAC 371-08)

**Pollution Control Hearings Board**

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Sincerely,



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