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November 2, 2023

WA Department of Fish and Wildlife
ATTN: Christina L. Gourley
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Milltown Island Estuary Restoration Project, (Corps No. **NWS-2021-0887**), Skagit River, Skagit County, Washington

Dear Christina L. Gourley:

On May 25, 2023, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with WA Department of Fish and Wildlife's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

The proposal will restore historic tidal exchange and riverine influence to the approximately 220 acre Milltown Island site. Elements of the project include construction of approximately 9,050 linear feet of new tidal channels, levee breaches, removal of four culverts, construction of alcoves to encourage formation of tidal channels, and installation of several tidal headwater areas along the tidal channels. Temporary staging areas will be located near new tidal channels, and excavated soils will be used onsite to construct mounded areas that will be planted with native vegetation and maintain wetland hydrology. This project is located approximately 1.7 miles south of the city of Conway, in wetlands located on Milltown Island, which is between Steamboat Slough and Tom Moore Slough of the Skagit River, in Skagit County, Washington.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Chris Luerkens at 360-410-4807 or chris.luerkens@ecy.wa.gov.

Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this decision 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 decision:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see filing information 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 decision on the Department of Ecology mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

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

Filing an appeal

Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://elaho.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

Service on Ecology

Street Addresses:

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

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

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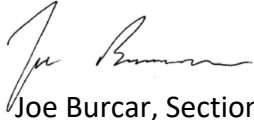
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Burcar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" being more prominent.

Joe Burcar, Section Manager

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Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Sent via e-mail: chris.gourley@dfw.wa.gov

E-cc: Kristin Murray, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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