



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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January 26, 2024

Pierce County Planning and Public Works
ATTN: Melissa McFadden
2702 S 42nd Street, Suite 109
Tacoma, WA 98409

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Patterson Road East Culvert Replacement Bridge #34195-A (Corps No. NWS- 2023-0467-WRD), Rauch Creek, near Orting, Pierce County, Washington

Dear Melissa McFadden:

On July 31, 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 Pierce County Planning and Public Works' determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

The proposed work includes the replacement of a failing, undersized 48-inch by 37-foot-long culvert with a 14.6 foot wide and 60 foot long four-sided concrete box culvert. The project will include a stream alignment to the north on the upstream side of the culvert; the shift in alignment will increase the radius of curvature of the upstream bend to provide a smoothed transition into and out of the new culvert. Additionally, large wood will be added upstream and downstream to maintain the streambed and add stability, as well as complexity for fish. This activity is near the intersection of SR-162 and Patterson Road East, Rauch Creek, Pierce County, Washington.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Brook Swensen at 564-999-1749.

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

Mailing Addresses:

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

E-Mail Address:

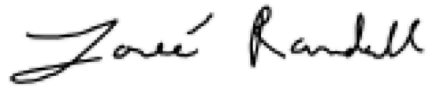
ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loree' Randall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Loree' Randall, Section Manager
Aquatic Permitting & Protection Section
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Sent via e-mail: Melissa.mcfadden@piercecountywa.gov

E-cc: Colleen Anderson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Shella Swain, Pierce County
Brian Johnston, Pierce County
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