



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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January 26, 2024

Thurston Conservation District  
ATTN: Mara Healy  
2918 Ferguson Street Southwest, Suite A  
Tumwater WA, 98512

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Riverbend Ranch  
Restoration Project (Corps No. NWS-2023-0538), Skookumchuck River, Tenino, Thurston  
County, Washington

Dear Mara Healy:

On August 24, 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 Thurston Conservation District's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

This determination is for restoration of over 120 acres of riparian, floodplain, and in-stream habitats along 2.5 miles of the Skookumchuck River. This work includes installing large wood structures, creating high flow channels, riparian plantings, and a cattle ford. These improvements would be located between river mile 11.5 and 14 south of Tenino, Washington in Thurston County.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Casey Vaughn at (564) 669-4201.

### **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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PO Box 47608  
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Sincerely,



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