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April 26, 2024

Grays Harbor Conservation District
ATTN: John Stepanek
81 Tower Boulevard
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Cloquallum Creek RM 4.8 Bank Stabilization (Corps No. **NWS-2024-149**), Cloquallum Creek and wetlands, Elma, Grays Harbor County, Washington

Dear John Stepanek:

On March 27, 2024, 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 Grays Harbor Conservation District's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

The work proposes to lay back the existing bank and discharge up to 151 cubic yards of fill material along 585 linear ft of Cloquallum Creek below the ordinary high water mark, to stabilize the existing bank. The bank would be laid back to a 2 foot horizontal to 1 foot vertical (2:1) slope. Toe logs would be placed along 415 ft of the toe of the bank, with rootwads intact.

Logs would be secured with perpendicular buried logs anchored into the re-sloped bank. Rootwad logs would be placed in trenches aimed slightly upstream with the rootball sticking out 2-5 ft from the re-sloped bank. The logs would be ballasted with dirt fill in the trench. Paired log structures would be placed at less than one bankfull width or about 30 ft intervals or more frequently. Immediately downstream of these log structures, 170 ft of additional bank toe would be stabilized with 12-inch willow fascines, and re-slope the bank to a 2:1 slope.

Across all 585 feet of the bank stabilization area, the area would be covered with natural fiber coir fabric and pinned in place with densely spaced willow and cottonwood live stakes and stout dead stakes. The 2.9-acre riparian planting area would consist of only native species,

including Western Red Cedar, Sitka Spruce, Douglas Fir, Big Leaf Maple, and various native shrubs.

This activity is in Cloquallum Creek and wetlands at 36 Lower Falls Creek Road, Elma, Grays Harbor 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.

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Sincerely,



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