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May 2, 2024

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group
ATTN: Andy Hokit
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Union River Estuary Theler Wetlands Restoration Project (Corps No. **NWS-2023-0401**), Hood Canal, Belfair, Mason County, Washington

Dear Andy Hokit:

On February 21, 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 the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

The proposed work includes removing two levees (825 ft. and a 425 ft.) consisting of a total of 7,300 cubic yards of fill material from the southern part of the Union River Estuary on Hood Canal, allowing for the re-connection of 7 acres of estuarine wetland habitat. The project will also construct a boardwalk in the levee removal footprint. This activity would occur in the Hood Canal, Belfair, Mason County, Washington.

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.

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Sincerely,



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