



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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July 30, 2024

WA Department of Transportation
ATTN: Victoria Book
7407 31st Ave NE
Olympia, WA 98516

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for US 12/SR 8 Grays Harbor County – Unnamed Tributary to Vance Creek, Remove Fish Barriers (Corps No. NWS-2024-505-DOT), Unnamed Tributary to Vance Creek in Grays Harbor County, Washington

Dear Victoria Book:

On July 17, 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 WA Department of Transportation's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

The proposed work includes replacing the existing culvert with a three-sided buried structure that will be approximately 125 feet long and 25 feet wide. The new culvert will entail wingwalls and 5-foot secant piles for foundation support. The stream will be realigned, widened, and regraded. Large woody material will be installed upstream and downstream of the new culvert. Realignment of the stream will permanently impact wetlands by converting a portion of wetlands to stream channel; construction access will result in temporary wetland impacts. All temporary impacts will be restored with plantings using native species. The new culvert and realigned stream will provide fish habitat by opening additional access upstream of the new culvert. This activity is located on US 12 at milepost 19.17 where the un-named tributary to Vance Creek flows under the roadway in Grays Harbor County, Washington.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Penny Kelley at 360-280-8856.

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

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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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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brenden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brenden McFarland, Section Manager
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Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Sent via e-mail: victoria.book@wsdot.wa.gov

E-cc: Sandi Manning, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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