



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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December 10, 2024

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group
ATTN: Mendy Harlow
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Big Quilcene River: Moon Valley Reach Floodplain Restoration Project (Corps No. NWS-2023-0853), Big Quilcene River, Quilcene, Jefferson County, Washington

Dear Mendy Harlow:

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

On August 12, 2024, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM until December 10, 2024, in order for the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group to complete the requirements of the Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

The proposed work includes reconnecting the Big Quilcene River to its floodplain and to improve fish habitat within the project reach, river miles 1.9 and 3.0. This will be achieved by creating a mosaic of threaded channels in the project area by grading and filling, increasing the overbank flow of the river, installing engineered log jams, and replanting the project area.

This activity would occur in the Big Quilcene River, near Quilcene, Jefferson 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 RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08. "Date of receipt" is defined in Chapter 43.21B.001(2) RCW.

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 Chapter 371-08-305 WAC and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in Chapter 371-08-340 WAC.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this decision on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and 371-08 WAC.

Address and Location Information

Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://eluh.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

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Sincerely,



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Gus Johnson, Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group
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