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January 30, 2025

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

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for SR 109 North Moclips Slope Stabilization (Corps No. NWS-2024-0371-DOT), existing wetlands in Grays Harbor County, Washington

Dear Victoria Book:

On June 12, 2024, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. Ecology issued a public notice on July 5, 2024. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with the Washington Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

On September 16, 2024, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) placed this project on hold because they did not have the information needed to continue processing WSDOT's federal permit application. On November 25, 2024, the Corps removed the hold and resumed Section 404 review of the proposed project. The federal consistency review resumed upon receipt of this notification.

The proposed work entails stabilizing an unstable slope directly adjacent to and on the east side of SR 109. Multiple landslides have occurred in this area blocking SR 109 and preventing access to and from the Quinault Indian reservation. WSDOT will replace soil with quarry spalls to stabilize the slope. Horizontal drains will be installed at the base of the slope, capturing subsurface flow and directing it to the roadway drainage ditch. The drainage ditch connects to an existing cross culvert and a wetland located on the west side of SR 109. As part of this project, a concrete barrier and temporary culvert will be removed. The work will result in unavoidable, permanent impacts to existing wetlands on the east side of SR 109. Compensatory

mitigation will be provided at the WSDOT Grass Creek Advance Mitigation site. There is no work below the ordinary high water mark.

The project is located on SR 109 between milepost 33.61 and milepost 33.83, in existing wetlands, near the town of Moclips 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 by 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.

Address and Location Information

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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Sincerely,



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