



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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June 18, 2025

Tulalip Tribes of Washington
ATTN: Natasha Coumou
4604 Marine Drive
Tulalip, WA 98270

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Lochsloy Floodplain Restoration (Corps No. NWS-2024-0809), Middle Pilchuck River and Wetlands, Lake Stevens, Snohomish County, Washington.

Dear Natasha Coumou:

On April 9, 2025, 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 21-day public notice on April 25, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Tulalip Tribes of Washington's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

The proposed work includes reconnection and restoration of floodplain processes on the Middle Pilchuck River. The proposal includes: removing 500 linear feet of levee along the right bank of the river that currently impedes natural riverine process, habitat formation, flood storage, and salmon access to critical off-channel habitat; installing large wood in the channel and floodplain, in the form of apex and deflector jams and placing up to 120 wood pieces, stabilized by 105 driven timber piles and 570 cubic yard of woody slash in key areas to maximize intended geomorphic response; reconnecting a wetland with the main stem of the Pilchuck river to improve surface water connection for fish access by constructing a 20 feet wide channel where a historic inlet existed; and removing up to 1800 LF of riprap along levee corridor to enhance floodplain reconnection of natural side channels. This activity would occur in the Middle Pilchuck River and Wetlands, near Lake Stevens, Snohomish 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 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

Street Addresses:

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
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Sincerely,

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

Brenden McFarland, Section Manager
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Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Sent via e-mail: ncoumou@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

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