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June 30, 2025

WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife
ATTN: Katrina Simmons
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for WDFW Island Unit Estuary Restoration (Corps No. NWS-2025-0070), Skagit River and Wetlands, near Conway, Skagit County, Washington

Dear Katrina Simmons:

On May 27, 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 June 5, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

The project has two phases and proposes to accomplish the following goals:

- restore natural estuarine processes, including the movement of water, sediment, wood, detritus, and organisms
- create high-quality rearing habitat for ESA-listed Chinook, other salmon, and other estuarine-dependent fish and wildlife
- establish native vegetative communities
- incorporate features necessary to protect off-site adjacent dikes, buildings, drainage, and to support recreational uses of the site

Phase 1 will temporarily repair two tidegates to allow for the isolation and dewatering necessary for phase 2. Approximately 130 linear feet of sheet pile will be installed, with pipes fitted with flap gates positioned within the sheet pile.

Phase 2 will permanently remove or lower dikes, levees, and tidegates, excavate tidal channels, and construct low-angle landings, fords, and recreational mounds for waterfowl hunters and boaters. A total of 3.7 miles of dikes will be fully removed, while 1.2 miles of dikes will be partially removed, and 0.5 miles of dike will be left in place. The project design features a total of approximately 38,000 linear ft of primary tidal channels with 33 outlets and 27,000 linear ft of tributary tidal channels.

This activity would occur in the Skagit River and wetlands near Conway, in Skagit County, Washington.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Austin Schmalz at 425-301-6989.

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.

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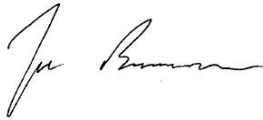
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Sincerely,



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