



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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July 21, 2025

Skagit County
ATTN: Emily Derenne
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Lorenzan Creek Improvement (Corps No. NWS-2025-0024), Lorenzan Creek and Wetlands, Concrete, Skagit County, Washington

Dear Emily Derenne:

On January 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 February 11, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Skagit County's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

The project proposes to remove all the existing pavement, underground utilities, fuel tank, and fuel island; to daylight the currently piped section of Lorenzan Creek; and to install a fish passable culvert at the Concrete-Sauk Valley Road crossing to provide for improved fish passage and habitat and to maximize on-site flood storage. Approximately 280 linear feet of Lorenzan Creek will be daylighted, forming a meandering, open channel system of approximately 540 linear feet in total. The restored channel incorporates 167 total large woody material pieces. The replacement culvert will be a 3-sided, pre-cast box culvert (16-foot wide, 80 feet long). The project will also remove an existing 18-inch diameter culvert drainage pipe that conveys stormwater flows from Highway 20 into the creek and replace it with a larger 24-inch diameter corrugated polyethylene storm sewer pipe. Work will be conducted in the dry either when seasonal conditions have naturally dewatered the work zone or once the project site has been dewatered via bypass. Temporary wetland impacts will occur. After construction, wetland and wetland buffer vegetation will be restored and the newly daylighted riparian buffer will be planted with native shrubs and trees.

This activity would occur in Lorenzan Creek and Wetlands, Concrete, 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.

Service on Ecology

Street Addresses:

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Mailing Addresses:

Department of Ecology

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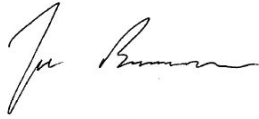
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Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
PO Box 47608
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Burcar".

Joe Burcar, Section Manager
Northwest Region Office
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Sent via e-mail: emilyjd@co.skagit.wa.us

E-cc: Kristin Murray, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Austin Schmalz, Department of Ecology
fedconsistency@ecy.wa.gov