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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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August 12, 2025

WA Department of Transportation
ATTN: Ben Ford
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for SR 109 Ocean to Taholah
Remove Fish Barriers – Site 8 (Corps No. NWS-2025-0550-DOT), Un-named Tributary to
Pacific Ocean, Grays Harbor County, Washington

Dear Ben Ford:

On July 2, 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 July 16, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with WSDOT's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

The project will replace an existing concrete fish barrier culvert with a fish passable box culvert. The new culvert is designed to accommodate a minimum hydraulic opening of 13 feet and provide an estimated gain of 3,546 linear feet of in-stream habitat. Other habitat elements include incorporating large woody debris in the form of log piles along the banks of the realigned stream channel and placing small woody debris at the head of meander bars. There will be four meander bars installed within the box culvert itself.

During construction, the stream will be diverted to protect water quality during all channel work. Fish will be excluded from the work area by installing fish exclusion nets. All temporary impacts from clearing and grading will be managed during construction using best management practices to control stormwater runoff and sediment erosion. At the end of construction these areas will be restored and replanted.

The project site is located on SR 109 at mile post 37.43 in Grays Harbor County, WA where an unnamed tributary to the Pacific Ocean flows under the roadway.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Penny Kelley at penny.kelley@ecy.wa.gov.

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://eluh.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

Service on Ecology

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Sincerely,



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