



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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August 20, 2025

King County
Water and Land Resources Division
ATTN: Sarah Montgomery
201 South Jackson Street, KSC-NR-6300
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Rutledge Johnson
Floodplain Restoration Project (Corps No. NWS-2024-1012), Cedar River and Wetlands
A, B, C, D, and E, Maple Valley, King County, Washington

Dear Sarah Montgomery:

On March 6, 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 March 28, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with King County Water Land Resources Division's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

The project will reconnect approximately 16 acres of floodplain, enhance connection to existing off channel habitats and restore historic side-channel habitat on the site. This will be accomplished by excavating fill, removing culverts, and placing large wood and habitat features within the newly created channels and active floodplain. Specifically, the project includes the following elements:

- Restoring and reconnecting approximately 730 feet of historic side channel
- Excavating up to 87 cubic yards of wetlands
- Removing an existing revetment and the downstream portion of the existing Rutledge Johnson Levee
- Constructing three side channel inlet pilot channels
- Placing approximately 180 pieces of large wood within the newly created channels and active floodplain
- Installing boulders in the side channel
- Replanting the site with native species to provide riparian habitat and hydraulic

roughness in the floodplain

- Install up to 20 cubic yards of engineered end protection fill for the remaining upstream portion of the Rutledge Johnson Facility that is being left in place

The project site is located at 19934 218th Place Southeast, Maple Valley, Cedar River, Wetlands A, B, C, D, and E, King County, Washington.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Austin Schmalz at Austin.Schmalz@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://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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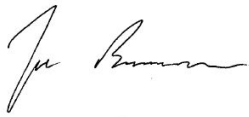
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Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
PO Box 47608
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Sincerely,

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: samontgomery@kingcounty.gov

E-cc: Mae Ancheta, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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