



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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August 27, 2025

King County Water and Land Resources Division
Attn: Laird O'Rollins
201 South Jackson Street, Suite 6300
Seattle, WA 98104-3855

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for NE Auburn Creek
Restoration Project (Corps No. NWS-2024-0684-WRD), Within the Green River, NE
Auburn Creek, and associated wetland, Unincorporated King County, Washington

Dear Laird O'Rollins:

On January 15, 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 19, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with King County Water and Land Resources Division's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

On June 26, 2025, King County Water and Land Resources Division and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM review period until September 30, 2025, in order for King County Water and Land Resources Division to obtain authorizations and/or exemptions which are required prior to the issuance of this CZM determination decision.

The project proposes to reconnect a perched floodplain tributary to the mainstem Green River channel to restore fish passage and expand rearing and floodplain habitat for juvenile salmon. An existing culvert and flapgate at the tributary mouth that is a barrier to juvenile salmon will be replaced by modern, fish-passable alternatives. In addition, a new 725-foot-long channel will be excavated connecting this new culvert to the mainstem Green River to provide fish passage to the floodplain and off-channel rearing and refuge habitat between the river channel and the new culvert and flood gate. A farm access road will be relocated farther from the riverbank to allow more frequent and direct hydrological connection between the Green River and a 2.7-acre depressional floodplain wetland. This will allow use of the wetland by fish during and after high water events. Moving the road away from the riverbank will also allow widening and enhancement of riparian buffer along 2,000 feet of the Green River. The relocated farm road will permanently impact a portion of the wetland.

The project site is located on Parcels 3022059060 and 3022059057, in the Green River, NE Auburn Creek, and an associated wetland, King County, Washington, Section 30, Township 25 N., Range 05 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 9 (Duwamish-Green).

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Neil Molstad at neil.molstad@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

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Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
300 Desmond Drive SE
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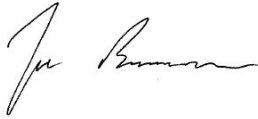
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Sincerely,



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