



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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September 5, 2025

WA Department of Transportation
ATTN: Mark Stamey
1019 Andis Road
Burlington, WA 98233

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for I-5 Secret Creek Fish Passage (Corps No. NWS-2025-0177-DOT), Secret Creek, Snohomish, Washington

Dear Mark Stamey:

On July 18, 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 29, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with WA Department of Transportation's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

This project proposes to replace 3 existing culverts with fish passable structures under I-5 northbound lanes, I-5 southbound lanes and under Pacific Highway. The new structures will be bottomless steel arch culverts and placed on concrete, shallow, spread footings located below the calculated scour depth and beyond the minimum hydraulic width. Buried rock will be placed around each footing outside the minimum hydraulic opening and the ordinary high water mark for added erosion and scour protection.

The work will result in permanent and temporary impacts to Secret Creek and existing wetlands. All temporary impacts from construction access and traffic bypass will be restored with native plantings. A portion of wetland will be converted to stream channel from the channel restoration work occurring in the median between I-5 northbound lanes and I-5 southbound lanes. The new channel will be approximately 1900 linear feet and includes both large woody debris and small woody material to provide added habitat complexity. The stream will be temporarily diverted around culvert construction, removal, and channel grading to protect water quality.

The project site is located on I-5 from milepost 211.5 to milepost 211.7, Secret Creek, Snohomish County, Washington.

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://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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Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
PO Box 47608
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E-Mail Address:

ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loree' Randall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Loree' Randall on behalf of
Brenden McFarland, Section Manager
Environmental Review & Transportation Section
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Sent via e-mail: mark.stamey@wsdot.wa.gov

E-cc: Sandi Manning, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Joelle Cihak, WSDOT
Laura Caron, WSDOT
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