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Department of the Army
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Mason Thorson Ells Levee
PL 84-99 Repair, North Bend, King County, Washington

Dear Vanessa Pepi:

On August 6, 2026, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) submitted a Consistency Determination with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP). Ecology issued a 21-day public notice on August 13, 2026, and received no comments.

The proposed activity includes repair of the Mason Thorson Ells (MTE) Levee within the horizontal and vertical profile as it was designed and built. The design includes an increase in riprap size within the repair area from Class V (maximum diameter of 34 inches) to Class VI (maximum diameter of 42 inches) to withstand ongoing hydraulic scour from an eddy present at the repair site. Any sloughed material at the damaged site will be removed from the slope. The Corps will re-armour the riverward slope with a 4.5-foot-thick blanket of Class VI riprap placed over a 12-inch layer of 4- to 8-inch quarry spalls. Although the total repair length is 60 feet, the design is curved and overlaps approximately 40 feet of the original levee length. Approximately 20 feet of the downstream end of the repair curves away from the river and into the upland, effectively providing a "cap" at the downstream end of the levee. A portion (approximately 20 feet) of the original levee will not be repaired, so there will be a net decrease in fill below and waterward of ordinary high water (OHW) within the original footprint. None of the repairs will extend past the pre-damage footprint. Following rehabilitation, the Corps will hydroseed all disturbed soils.

Work would require removing vegetation, approximately three mature trees from the levee within the construction project footprint. No additional fill material volume would be added on the riverward levee slope below the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) or beyond the existing levee footprint.

Equipment to be used will be similar to those employed during previous repair projects and includes a hydraulic excavator and dump trucks. Construction vehicles will access the site by existing levee access ramps and the levee crown, which are accessible from public rights-of way. Excavated materials will be staged within the levee footprint and the designated staging area.

The MTE Levee is located along the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River near North Bend, King County, Washington, between station (STA) 0+00 and 2+00 for approximately 200 feet.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Mai Aoki at Mai.Aoki@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

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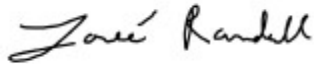
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