

SEPA¹ Environmental Checklist

Purpose of checklist

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to **all parts of your proposal**, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for lead agencies

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions (Part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in “Part B: Environmental Elements” that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/Checklist-guidance>

A. Background

[Find help answering background questions²](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Forks Creek Hatchery Restoration Phase 4

2. Name of applicant:

Doug Wiedemeier, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

600 Capitol Way N
Olympia, WA 98501
360-789-2464 (cell)

4. Date checklist prepared:

March 12, 2024

5. Agency requesting checklist:

WDFW

6. Proposed timing of schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Construction planned May to September 2024 if permits are obtained and bidder selected in time, otherwise in May to September 2025.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

Yes, future work is probable. The scope of future work will be dependent upon the budget received from the Legislature. See attachment for past, proposed, and future related work.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Wetland delineation and OHWM delineation. A Biological Evaluation was prepared prior to Phase 1. These documents can be shared if requested.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

Might be a water rights request that is unresolved. WDFW employees who initiated have retired.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

WDFW plans to use RCW 90.58.357 to satisfy the Shorelines process (County/Ecology). Pacific County may require building, grading, and critical areas to be addressed. No HPA, but WDFW Habitat Biologist has been sent plans.

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background>

- 11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)**

Forks Creek Hatchery Phase 4 is a continuation of upgrades for this hatchery. Forks Creek has been an active state fish hatchery since 1899. This is the fourth oldest state salmon hatchery. Work consists of replacing an earthen pond with a concrete settling pond, a new water distribution box, and all the pipes and valves necessary to make all this work. Settling ponds allow for removal of suspended sediment from hatchery water supply to decrease wear and consolidate sediment into one location rather than in each individual raceway.

- 12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.**

1986 State Route 6, Raymond WA 98577, see plans for map.

T12N R7W Section 6; Pacific County

N 46.558186, W -123.594490

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth

[Find help answering earth questions³](https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth)

- a. General description of the site:**

Hatchery is located on the inside of a bend of Forks Creek, just upstream of confluence with the Willapa River. The setting is rural Pacific County.

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?**

My guess is 10%

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them, and note any**

³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth>

agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Greahlem silt loam according to USGS Soil Mapper

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.**

None have been observed.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**

Purpose of proposed project: use settling pond to remove sediment from water to reduce wear on pumps and pipes, and lessen silt collecting in raceways. 8260 square feet of disturbance, 206 Cubic Yards of cut, 286 Cubic Yards of fill. Source to be determined by yet-to-be-selected contractor, but likely from a local source. See project plans.

- f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

No, no work proposed along stream bank. Exposed soils will have BMPs used, including seeding of any bare ground upon completion.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**

Impervious area increases from 2878 Square Feet to 10,186 Square Feet within the work area (3.5 times). Over 2600 of the additional Square Feet is the sediment pond itself. But the increase is minimal when the entire hatchery is considered (less than 10 percent).

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.**

BMPs will be applied during construction and to cover exposed earth post-construction including seeding.

2. Air

[Find help answering air questions](#)⁴

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

Some increase in diesel exhaust while work is ongoing. Post construction, air quality will return to pre-construction levels.

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-Air>

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

There is a neighboring dairy farm that emits odors but it does not affect WDFW operations of this proposed project.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:**

None proposed.

3. Water

[Find help answering water questions](#)⁵

- a. Surface:**

[Find help answering surface water questions](#)⁶

- 1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.** Forks Creek is present, a Type S water that flows into the Willapa River. There is also a Type F stream coming from the spring area that flows both through the hatchery into Forks Creek (not captured by water typing maps) and directly into Forks Creek.

- 2. Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

Yes, work within 200 feet. Closest distance to creek is 15 feet. See plans.

- 3. Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

No fill or dredge from any wetland or surface water as part of this project.

- 4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No new withdrawals or diversions.

- 5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

Not according to the County flood maps, but site does flood almost annually.

⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water>

⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Surface-water>

- 6. Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

No. The replacement of the settling pond will allow for removal of more sediment from water, and thus less in the hatchery effluent. Outfall is existing.

b. Ground:

[Find help answering ground water questions](#)⁷

- 1. Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No new water withdrawals.

- 2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

No changes to existing septic tanks.

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

- 1. Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

Most runoff is stormwater. There is regular flooding from Forks Creek and the spring on the left bank. All water ends up back in Forks Creek.

- 2. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

No waste materials from project related activities will enter ground or surface waters.

- 3. Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**

No, see plans.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:**

None.

4. Plants

[Find help answering plants questions](#)

⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Groundwater>

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Some areas of lawn will be disturbed.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

No Threatened or Endangered species known to be present. There are two known rare plants and/or nonvascular species of high conservation value found near the site according to WDNR: Queen-of-the-forest (*Filipendula occidentalis*) and Loose-flowered Bluegrass (*Poa laxiflora*). Records indicate these were observed upstream.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.

Restore Lawn where possible.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) and reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) are present.

5. Animals

[Find help answering animal questions](#)⁸

a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

- Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals>

- Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*) have been spotted near the confluence of Forks Creek and the Willapa River. Likely some marbled murrelets (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) fly over during the breeding season. The entire state is listed for Yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) even though no populations are known. Monarch butterfly (*Danaus Plexippus*) are listed as a candidate species, but not known at project location. Bull trout is the closest known sighting, and likely not present year-round.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Yes, site is within the Pacific Flyway. Salmonids, lamprey and other fish move upstream and spawn annually.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

None.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

Starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) and mink (*Neogale vison*) are present.

6. Energy and natural resources

[Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)⁹

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

No changes in energy needed.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No, proposed project is not that tall.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.

None.

7. Environmental health

[Health Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)¹⁰

⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-6-Energy-natural-resou>

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-7-Environmental-health>

- a. **Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.**

There is always the possibility of an issue. The selected contractor will have a safety plan, and suitable measures will be present on-site.

1. **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

None known.

2. **Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

Overhead power lines are present.

3. **Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**

There are many items used and stored at this fish hatchery that could be hazardous. This proposed project does not change or alter such items.

4. **Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

No need for special emergency services anticipated.

5. **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.**

BMPs will be used as needed.

b. Noise

1. **What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?**

None.

2. **What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site)?**

Increase in traffic, heavy equipment noise. Construction active from 7AM to 7PM potentially. Minimal construction noise from 7PM to 7AM.

3. **Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:**

None.

8. Land and shoreline use

[Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)¹¹

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.**

Neighboring land uses include a dairy farm, agricultural lands, tree farms and homes. This proposal will not affect other land uses.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?**

Forks Creek has been an active state fish hatchery since 1899. This is the fourth oldest state salmon hatchery.

- 1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how?**

No.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.**

This is an active state salmon hatchery. There are two residences, a main hatchery building, a shop, various outbuildings, raceways, intakes, and a pollution abatement pond.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**

The existing earthen sediment pond will be demolished to make room for a new one.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

Rural Lands

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**

General rural

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**

Rural Conservancy

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.**

Not that WDFW is aware of.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**

¹¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use>

Project will not change the number of people employed at this location. There are two WDFW residences at this hatchery.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.

Not an issue.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.

Proposed project improves the hatchery. Hatchery has been present since the early 1900's.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

Not needed. Coexistence with agriculture and forestry will continue.

9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions](#)¹²

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

No changes.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

No changes.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

None needed.

10. Aesthetics

[Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)¹³

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

The proposed settling pond is 15 feet tall, but that starts below surface, so height above existing surface is less than 15 feet.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

No changes to views resulting from this project.

¹² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing>

¹³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics>

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**

None needed or proposed.

11. Light and glare

[Find help answering light and glare questions](#)¹⁴

- a. **What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**

No new lights or glare will result.

- b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**

No.

- c. **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

None.

- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**

None proposed or needed.

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

- a. **What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**

Hunting, fishing, bird watching, hiking and biking.

- b. **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**

No, but the hatchery will be closed to the public during construction for safety.

- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**

All recreation can resume upon completion of construction.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

[Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)¹⁵

- a. **Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.**

¹⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>

¹⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-13-Historic-cultural-p>

10 Historic Properties are over 45 years of age at Forks Creek Hatchery. All listed structures were determined not NRHP eligible by DAHP.

<u>Property: Resource Name</u>	<u>Property ID</u>	<u>Built Date</u>
Forks Creek Hatchery ADA Fishing Platform & Shelter	706137	N/A
Forks Creek Hatchery Developed Spring	706141	1995
Forks Creek Hatchery Distribution Tower & Settling Basin	706132	1945
Forks Creek Hatchery Siphon Intake Dam, Intake Structure, and Fishway	706144	1948
Forks Creek Hatchery Manager's East Residence & Garage	706121	1958
Forks Creek Hatchery Manager's West Residence	706122	1978
Forks Creek Hatchery Old Garage	706123	1961
Forks Creek Hatchery Siphon House	706124	1948
Forks Creek Hatchery Pump, Screen, Dam & Fishway Structures	706127	1963
Forks Creek Hatchery Building	666561	1953

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**

Four previous cultural resource surveys have been conducted near the project site. Two previously identified pre contact archaeological sites have been identified near the project area: 45PC175 the Forks Creek Site and 45PC256 The Portmann Dairy Lithics site.

Nakonechny, Lyle D., 2009. An Archaeological Survey of the Willapa River Valley.

Emerson, Stephen, 2012. Cultural Resources Survey for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Forks Creek Hatchery Emergency Domestic Water Repair Project, Pacific County, Washington. Prepared by Archaeological and Historical Services Eastern Washington University. Submitted to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Nakonechny, Lyle D., 2013. Willapa River Valley 45PC175, Forks Creek Site, Excavation Progress Report #1.

Kelly, Katherine and Erin Littauer, 2017. Lower Forks Creek Restoration. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**

Initial consultation under Executive Order 05-05 for the project and proposed phases with DAHP and Tribes. Follow up consultation under Executive Order 21-02. Cultural resource surveys conducted of project area.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

Current project will not effect NRHP eligible historic structures and are over 60 m from identified archaeological sites in the hatchery area. No staging is planned near previously identified archaeological sites. The WDFW inadvertent discovery plan will be in place.

14. Transportation

[Find help with answering transportation questions¹⁶](#)

- a. **Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

Hatchery is accessed from State Route 6.

- b. **Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

No. No Pacific County Transit on State Route 6.

- c. **Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

No.

- d. **Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

No.

- e. **How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

Vehicular traffic will increase during construction, perhaps by as many as 15 trips per day. Upon completion of construction, traffic will return to normal.

- f. **Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

No conflicts.

- g. **Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**

None proposed.

15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions¹⁷](#)

¹⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>

¹⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-15-public-services>

- a. **Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

No.

- b. **Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

None proposed or needed.

16. Utilities

[Find help answering utilities questions¹⁸](#)

- a. **Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:**

- b. **Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**

No changes. Existing utilities will be used.

C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign¹⁹](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

X

Type name of signee: Doug Wiedemeier

Position and agency/organization: Project Permittee, WDFW

Date submitted: March 13, 2024

¹⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-16-utilities>

¹⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>