



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Southwest Region Office
PO Box 47775, Olympia, WA 98504-7775 • 360-407-6300

February 19, 2025

WDFW SEPADesk
WA State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Habitat Program, Protection Division
PO Box 43200
Olympia, WA 98504-3200

Dear WDFW SEPADesk:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of non-significance for the Davis Lake Drainage Ditch Cleaning Project (25-004) as proposed by WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, Nicholas Steveson. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT: Derek Rockett (360) 995-3176

All removed debris and dredged material resulting from this project must be disposed of at an approved site. Contact the local jurisdictional health department or Department of Ecology for proper management of these materials.

TOXICS CLEANUP: John Pearch (360) 819-0460

The project area addressed in this proposal is downstream of two known (or suspected) contaminated mine sites on Ecology's Contaminated Sites List:

Ecology Facility/Site ID 8999559, TCP Cleanup Site ID 4311 – Barnum McDonnell Mine
Ecology Facility/Site ID 4549914, TCP Cleanup Site ID 3331 – Roy Mine

Hazardous substances from past mining activities may have migrated to the site of the proposed action. Ecology recommends that the soils, surface water and sediment be sampled and analyzed for metals contamination. Contaminated soils, surface water, or sediment may require special handling and/or disposal to protect site workers, visitors, public health, or the environment. Cleanup may be required prior to site alteration or development. Site characterization and/or cleanup may be desirable prior to site alteration or development.

Ecology can provide technical assistance for your project. Please contact Justin Rice, Contaminated Mine Site Program Engineer, at 509-724-8268, for further information.

The project is also downstream of the Morton Block of Columbia River Unit Site Ecology Facility/Site ID 4286933, TCP Cleanup Site ID 3467. This cleanup site has a status of no

WDFW SEPADesk
February 19, 2025
Page 2

further action (NFA) and is not expected to impact the project. Should contamination be unexpectedly encountered associated with this Site, please also report to Ecology's ERTS to comply with WAC 173-340-120 and -300.

Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office

(JKT:202500457)

cc: Derek Rockett, SWM
John Pearch, TCP