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State of Washington, Department of Ecology Southwest Regional Office PO Box 47775, Olympia, WA 98504-7775

RE: SEPA 22-024,

Dear Ecology SEPA commenter:

The State of Washington, Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) appreciates your comments.

This is a very different project in that there is almost no aspect of it proposed on dry land. The only dry land aspect will be to clear off the silt on the upper boat ramp to prevent tracking into the river.

The WDFW Project Permitter will contact each of the appropriate reviewing staff listed in the Ecology comment letter.

Know that WDFW is proposing operating a machine in the river (using biodegradable hydraulic fluid) and hopes to recover concrete and steel from the failed weir and reuse as much as possible to regain the function of the weir in a temporary manner until a permanent fix is funded, designed, and permitted. This will likely take two or three years.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Kristen Kuykendall, WDFW, Project Manager

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