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Bob Zeigler, SEPA/NEPA Coordinator
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600 Capitol Way North
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Dear Mr. Zeigler:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Chinook Estuary Restoration project (13-076) located Chinook River Wildlife Unit, 2 miles north of Chinook as proposed by Donna Bighouse, WA State Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW). The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and submitted comments on November 25, 2013. Since then, our Floodplain Management received additional information on the project. Comments below are based on that additional information:

FLOODPLAINS MANAGEMENT: Donovan Gray (360) 407-7253

Work in a 100yr floodplain requires a floodplain development permit. Neighboring properties must be kept reasonably safe from flooding. The watercourse alteration notification and maintenance requirements under 44 CFR 60.3(b)(6) may apply. If the current flood regime as shown on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) is likely to change significantly, the proponent must inform Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of these changes no later than 6 months from when this information becomes available. This is usually done through the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) process.

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.

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cc: Donovan Gray, SEA
Donna Bighouse, WDFW (Applicant)