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Lisa Wood, SEPA/NEPA Coordinator  
WA State Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Regulatory Services Section  
600 Capitol Way North  
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Clear Lake Access Improvements-Ramp project (14-017) located on Bald Hill Road Southeast near Rainier in Thurston County as proposed by Chris Gourley, WA State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

**FLOODPLAINS MANAGEMENT: Donovan Gray (360) 407-7253**

Part of the proposal appears to lie within a 100-year floodplain. Therefore a floodplain development will be required. Neighboring properties must be kept reasonably safe from flooding. A habitat assessment may be required per the Federal Emergency Management Agency/National Marine Fisheries Service (FEMA/NMFS) Biological Opinion.

**SHORELANDS & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE:  
Alex Callender (360) 407-6167**

It appears that in water work is proposed. In the environmental checklist states you will be applying for section 404/401 water quality certification. I recommend that you file a Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) with both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Ecology for the proposed activities for permit review. Along with the JARPA, also submit a vicinity map and site plans. The JARPA and supporting documentation should be submitted to the following:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
**Attn: Lori Lull**  
PO Box 3755  
Seattle, WA 98124-3755

Department of Ecology  
**Federal Permit Coordinator**  
PO Box 47775  
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**TOXICS CLEANUP: Thomas Middleton (360) 407-7263**

If contamination is suspected, discovered, or occurs during the proposed Clear Lake access improvements, testing of the potentially contaminated media must be conducted. If

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contamination of soil or groundwater is readily apparent, or is revealed by testing, Ecology must be notified. Contact the Environmental Report Tracking System Coordinator at the Southwest Regional Office (SWRO) at (360) 407-6300. For assistance and information about subsequent cleanup and to identify the type of testing that will be required, contact Thomas Middleton with the SWRO, Toxic Cleanup Program at the phone number given above.

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

(SM:14-0973)

cc: Alex Callender, SEA  
Donovan Gray, SEA  
Thomas Middleton, TCP  
Chris Gourley, WDFW (Applicant)