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Bob Zeigler, SEPA/NEPA Coordinator
WA State Department of Fish & Wildlife
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Dear Mr. Zeigler:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Ditch Maintenance & Culvert Replacement project located in the WDFW Cowlitz Wildlife Area in Lewis County as proposed by Mark Grabski, WDFW-Cowlitz Wildlife Area. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

SEPA REVIEWER: Sonia Mendoza
WATER QUALITY CONTACT: Sheila Pendleton-Orme (360) 690-4787

Any discharge of sediment-laden runoff or other pollutants to waters of the state is in violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control, and WAC 173-201A, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, and is subject to enforcement action.

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must be effective to prevent stormwater runoff from carrying soil and other pollutants into surface water or storm drains that lead to waters of the state. Sand, silt, clay particles, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered to be pollutants.

Proper disposal of construction debris must be on land in such a manner that debris cannot enter water of the state (e.g., Creeks, wetlands and their buffers) stormdrains draining to waters of the state or cause water quality degradation of state waters.

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: Sheila Pendleton-Orme, VFO/WQ
Mark Grabski, WDFW-Cowlitz Wildlife Area (Proponent)