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Bob Zeigler SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Subject: Comments on Canyon Creek Fish Ladder

Dear Mr. Zeigler,

Clallam County Public Works reviewed the SEPA checklist, Geotechnical Report, and design drawings for the proposed Canyon Creek Fish Ladder project. The timing was such that this bridge was due for its once every 2 year bridge inspection this month. The rock that is planned to be excavated below the left bank is going to be very close to the bridge footing at a 1:4 vertical slope. This rock was looked at in more detail during this inspection due to this upcoming project. We also reviewed the inspection reports and pictures we have on record when this bridge was constructed in 1985. After reviewing the above mentioned items, Public Works has some concerns about the integrity of the Canyon Creek bridge when approximately 870 cubic yards of rock and soil will be excavated and removed from the left bank to allow construction of the proposed fish ladder. We have talked to design engineer John Hutchins and have a site visit planned with him and his geotechnical engineer Paul Grant to review the project on January 17, 2012. An "Application to Perform Work on Clallam County Right of Way" will be required prior to construction under the bridge.

If you have any questions, please call me at 417-2530.

Sincerely,

Ray Bradford

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