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WA Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Regulatory Services Section  
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Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the North Fork Newaukum River Fish Ladder Maintenance Project (DNS 16-019) located in Chehalis as proposed by Cindy Knudsen, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

**SHORELANDS & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE:**  
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The Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) mentions work in shoreline jurisdiction of Newaukum River. This is likely an unlisted use and would require a Water Dependent Conditional Use Permit and a Substantial Development Permit. The project also shows work below the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of the Newaukum River. This will probably require a 401/404 Certification. I recommend the applicant contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers early in the process.

I recommend the applicant to send a JARPA, site plans and other studies to the following:

US Army Corps of Engineers  
Attn: Dave Martin  
PO Box 3755  
Seattle, WA 98124-3755

WA Department of Ecology  
**SEA Program HQ**  
PO Box 47600  
Olympia, WA 98504-7600  
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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.

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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: Alex Callender, SEA  
Cindy Knudsen, WDFW (Proponent)