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VETERANS MEMORIAL RESPONDED TO THE SEPA DNS REVIEW COMMENTS

March 7, 2017

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 Veterans Memorial Stream Restoration Project (DNS 17-004) located at 1083 Old Blyn Highway in Sequim as proposed by Annette Nesse, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

TOXICS CLEANUP: Matthew Morris (360) 407-7529

If contamination is suspected, discovered, or occurs during the proposed stream restoration, testing of the potentially contaminated media must be conducted. If contamination of soil, groundwater, or surface water 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 Matthew Morris with the SWRO, Toxic Cleanup Program at the phone number given above.

RESPONSE: There are no known contaminants on this site. If contaminants were found during construction the specifications require the contractor to notify the owner immediately. The WSDOE will be notified immediately.

WATER QUALITY: Chris Montague-Breakwell (360) 407-6364

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 stormdrains that lead to waters of the state. Sand, silt, clay particles, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered to be pollutants.

The following construction activities require coverage under the Construction Stormwater General Permit:

1. Clearing, grading and/or excavation that results in the disturbance of one or more acres **and** discharges stormwater to surface waters of the State; and

2. Clearing, grading and/or excavation on sites smaller than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, if the common plan of development or sale will ultimately disturb one acre or more **and** discharge stormwater to surface waters of the State.
 - a) This includes forest practices (including, but not limited to, class IV conversions) that are part of a construction activity that will result in the disturbance of one or more acres, **and** discharge to surface waters of the State; and
3. Any size construction activity discharging stormwater to waters of the State that Ecology:
 - a) Determines to be a significant contributor of pollutants to waters of the State of Washington.
 - b) Reasonably expects to cause a violation of any water quality standard.

If there are known soil/ground water contaminants present on-site, additional information (including, but not limited to: temporary erosion and sediment control plans; stormwater pollution prevention plan; list of known contaminants with concentrations and depths found; a site map depicting the sample location(s); and additional studies/reports regarding contaminant(s)) will be required to be submitted.

You may apply online or obtain an application from Ecology's website at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/> - **Application**. Construction site operators must apply for a permit at least 60 days prior to discharging stormwater from construction activities and must submit it on or before the date of the first public notice.

RESPONSE: There is a very low opportunity for eroded soils to enter either the existing stream or Sequim Bay for this project:

1. **Best Management water quality practices have be detailed and specified in the contractor documents.**
2. **There will be construction oversight by the JST during construction. The site is right next to the JST administrative offices.**
3. **The project site averages 16 inches of rain a year. The site is dry most of the year and has not exhibited stormwater runoff at any time in the past.**
4. **The stream and Sequim Bay will be buffered with silt fence. A construction entrance will be constructed prior to the start of vegetation stripping at the site.**

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

(CA:17-0906)

cc: Chris Montague-Breakwell, WQ
Matthew Morris, TCP
Annette Nesse, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (Applicant)