

**SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND SEPA COMMENT PERIOD**

For
Seattle City Light
File # **PL21-0136**

Notice is hereby given that on March 9, 2021, Skagit River System Cooperative, c/o Devin Smith, filed an independent State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist #PL21-0136 for review on behalf of Seattle City Light (c/o Greg Sancewich), The Nature Conservancy (c/o David Rolph) and Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) (c/o Brendan Brokes) for the Barnaby Reach Restoration, Phase 1, project. The project proposal is to restore natural processes and improve off-channel habitat conditions to benefit Chinook salmon and other species. Phase 1 of the Barnaby Reach Project proposed here includes removing hatchery infrastructure including cross dikes, rip-rap, numerous culverts and pipes, wells, outbuildings, and other infrastructure at Barnaby Slough to restore fish passage and natural flow conditions. The total project area encompasses approximately 60 acres, 7 acres of which are directly impacted by construction activities. Fish passage will be restored into Barnaby Slough by excavating rip-rap armoring and fill material from the enclosed rearing pond area and three dikes crossing Barnaby Slough, and a small amount of road fill material will be removed from the upper end of Lucas Slough. Approximately 26,300 cubic yards of material will be removed from Barnaby Slough, and 160 cubic yards from Lucas Slough. Excavated material will be moved to an approved location, within the project area, located out of the floodway and away from the wetlands and waters of the site, and planted with native species. The proposed project is located within the Industrial Forest (IF-NRL), Secondary Forest (SF-NRL), and Rural Resource Natural Resource Lands (RRc-NRL), as well as the Public Open Space of Regional/Statewide Importance (OSRSI) zoning/comprehensive plan designated area as indicated in the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and associated maps adopted July 5, 2016 and as thereafter amended. A letter of completeness was not issued and the application was determined to be complete for review purposes on March 23, 2021.

The proposed project is located at the former WDFW hatchery facilities at Barnaby Slough, at 55677 Martin Ranch Road, Rockport, within portions of Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32, Township 35N, Range 10E W.M. situated within Skagit County, Washington. (P107924, P107922, P45697, P45682, P45680, P45629, P45656, P45655, P107286, P90012, P45625, P45626, P45628).

A completed Environmental Checklist, site plan, and other application materials are on file with Skagit County Planning and Development Services. This information is available to the public on request. Other governmental approvals or permits will be required for this proposal from Skagit County Planning and Development Services including: Critical areas and Shoreline reviews, Floodplain Development Permit, and Grading Permit.

A decision on the application will be made within 120 days of the date the application was determined complete, which was 3-23-21. A public hearing before the Skagit County Hearing Examiner is not required for this project. Any person desiring to express his or her views or to be notified of the action taken on this application should notify Brandon Black in writing of his or her interest within Fifteen (15) days of the date of publication of this notice which is 3-25-21. Failure to respond within the comment period could result in loss of the right to appeal. The file can be viewed at Planning and Development Services which is located at the Continental Place address listed below.

Written comments must be received no later than 4:30 pm on: **April 9, 2021.**

Email correspondence will not be accepted, however, comments may be submitted via the PDS website under the “recent legal notices” tab. (www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments)

The Lead Agency expects to issue a DNS for this proposal and the Optional DNS process is being used (WAC 197-11-355). **This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal.**

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Transmitted to the Skagit Valley Herald and Mailed to applicant 3-23-21

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