

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

For
Skagit County Public Works
File # **PL22-0561**

Notice is hereby given that on November 17, 2022, Grace K. Kane, P.E., on behalf of Skagit County Public Works, filed an independent State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist (#PL22-0561) for the South Osterman Creek/Concrete Sauk Valley Road Fish Passage Project. The project proposal is to restore upstream fish passage at South Osterman Creek where it crosses Concrete-Sauk Valley Road while simultaneously enhancing instream habitat through arresting incision and erosion of the bed and banks downstream of the existing culvert. The project will regrade approximately 400 feet of channel adjacent to the South Osterman culvert restoring fish passage while increasing in-channel habitat and complexity, replace an existing undersized culvert with an appropriately sized concrete box culvert and adding guardrails at the crossing, reduce sediment loading and aquatic habitat degradation downstream of the culvert associated with sloughing of the ravine banks, provide resiliency against potential future incision and restore mixed coniferous and deciduous riparian vegetation within the riparian corridor of the creek. The project includes the excavation of approximately 3,456 cubic yards of material and the placement of approximately 2,899 cubic yards of material. The proposed project is located within the Rural Resource (RRc-NRL) and Secondary Forest (SF-NRL) Natural Resource Lands zoning/comprehensive plan designated areas 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 November 22, 2022.

The site is located at, and adjacent to, 52839 Concrete Sauk Valley Road, Rockport, within a portion of Section 14, Township 34N, Range 9E W.M., situated within Skagit County, Washington. (P30972 and P20970).

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 that may be required for this proposal from Skagit County Planning and Development Services include: Approved Grading Permit.

A decision on the application will be made within 120 days of the date the application was determined complete, which was 11-22-22. 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 12-1-22. 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: **December 16, 2022.**

*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.**

Brandon Black, Current Planning Manager

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Transmitted to the Skagit Valley Herald and Mailed to applicant 11-29-22

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