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Washington State Department of Transportation, Northwest Region
ATTN: Alan Soicher
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Dear Mr. Soicher:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has reviewed your request for WDFW sponsorship of fish habitat enhancement project entitled "*SR 203 Coe-Clemons Chronic Environmental Deficiencies*" for Fish Passage Barrier Removal.

Based on the information you provided, we have determined that we will sponsor your project under the streamlined Fish Habitat Enhancement Process (FHEP) (RCW 77.55.181). Under this process your projects may be exempted from the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and local government permits and fees.

Although WDFW is willing to sponsor this project under FHEP, we do so with the understanding that Washington State Department of Transportation will be responsible for notifying and consulting with the Tribes regarding correction of these culvert fish passage barriers, consistent with any applicable requirements in the injunction issued in the culverts litigation.

To apply for FHEP you must provide a completed Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA), plans for your project, an application for FHEP, and a copy of this sponsorship letter to WDFW and the appropriate local government on the same day. We will provide a fifteen-day comment period for local government regarding environmental impacts of your project. After the comment period, you will receive a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) from WDFW if your project has been approved for processing through the FHEP. If it is not approved, you will be notified of our decision by letter.

If you have any questions, please contact David Brock Regional Habitat Program Manager, at (425) 775-1311, Ext 114.

Sincerely,

Lisa Veneroso, Assistant Director
Habitat Program

cc: Megan White, WSDOT
David Brock, RHPM
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Local Planning Department