

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

For the Thurston County Hearing Examiner

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thurston County Hearing Examiner will hold a virtual public hearing on **March 12, 2024** during the **morning** session beginning at **10:00 a.m.** or shortly thereafter regarding the following project:

Project #: 2021100996 Centralia Hydro Dam Fish Trap RUE & SSDP

Applicant: Chris Gourley, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Request: The applicant proposes to construct an adult salmon trap within the existing fish ladder at Centralia diversion dam. This project is a key element of the Salmon Recovery Plan from the Nisqually Tribe and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The trap will be made of aluminum frames with pickets. Two gates will block the passage up the fish ladder directing fish into the trap area. The trap area will have a floor that lifts 5' to allow staff to capture the fish with nets by hand and put them into a cable lift system to move the fish to an unwallled, roofed 17' x14' sorting facility on a cement slab. Stairs will connect the trap area to the sorting facility. The sorting area includes fish troughs for handling, enumerating, scientific sampling, and tagging. There will be return pipes back to the fish ladder for returning fish upstream. Within the existing trap and ladder footprint, grated walkways and platform for lift hydraulics will be added. A screen suction intake will be placed to supply water via pump to the facility. A return pipe will allow water to return to the ladder. A bypass pipe will also be installed near the lower end of the trap. New slide gates will be installed in the existing guides. A previously disturbed area will be graveled to allow for access and parking for up to 6 vehicles. A temporary job trailer will be placed on the site above the 100- year floodplain. A portable toilet will also be added above the 100- year floodplain. The underlying zoning is Rural Residential Resource (RRR 1/ 5) in rural Thurston County and the project is located in a Conservancy Shoreline Environment as designated by the Shoreline Master Program for the Thurston Region (SMPTR).

Location: 20000 Cook Rd, Yelm, WA 98597

Legal Descriptions: 1-16-2E L3 LY W OF RIVER LESS 10A SE-NWLY W OF RIVER LESS 1 8.18A L; Known as Tax Parcel No. 22601210100

This will be **a virtual hearing held only via telephone and online webinar**. To attend the hearing online go to ThurstonHearing.org. To attend the meeting via telephone or to have meeting instructions emailed to you, please contact Sonja Cady at 360-972-6901.

All interested persons are invited to present testimony relevant to the above-requested action(s). Public comment will be limited to five minutes per person, subject to Examiner discretion. If unable to attend virtually, written statements may be submitted by e-mail at sonja.cady@co.thurston.wa.us. *Statements must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the business day preceding the hearing. Verbal and written testimony will be accepted at the hearing. Phone calls to staff are not considered part of the hearing record.*

We encourage the public to submit comment prior to the meeting to the Land Use Clerk, Sonja Cady at sonja.cady@co.thurston.wa.us to be entered into the record. Please contact Sonja Cady by 5:00 pm the day before the hearing if you would like to give testimony, would like to be on the Decisions list to receive the decision, or would like to be a Party of record. You may also ask at the virtual public hearing.

Copies of the staff report regarding this project are available one week prior to the hearing. Any additional exhibits will be posted as received. Staff reports and additional Hearing Examiner information can be found online at the Thurston County Hearing Examiner website at ThurstonHearing.org.

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Publish: **The Olympian – March 1, 2024**

I Sorja Cady certify this notice was mailed to the Applicant, Adjacent Property Owners, SE
Thurston Fire Authority, and the Yelm School District:

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2024.

Adjacent Property Owners
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February 20, 2024
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