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PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Sharon Lumbantobing, Thurston County Community Planning & Economic Development

FROM: Dawn Peebles, Thurston County Environmental Health Division 

SUBJECT: Project 2021100996, Folder Sequences 21-102552 XC, 21-102553 XA, 21-102554 XI, Tax Parcel 22601210100, Centralia Hydro Dam Fish Trap Joint Aquatic Resources Permit (JARPA), Environmental Checklist (SEPA) and Reasonable Use Exception (RUE)

The above-referenced project has been routed to this department for review and comment. The project is proposing to construct an adult salmon trap within the existing fish ladder at Centralia diversion dam. The diversion dam is managed by the City of Centralia and includes a fish ladder on the west side of the river that allows fish passage and a canal that reconnects to the Nisqually River downstream. Buildings associated with the diversion dam, which are not included in this proposal, include a caretaker's residence that is served by a single-family well and individual septic system and three additional buildings.

This project is a key element of the Salmon Recovery Plan from the Nisqually Tribe and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The project will occur in and adjacent to the existing fish ladder and will include a new fish trap and sampling structure. The facility will be utilized during upstream salmon migration periods with up to four employees working in the facility at any given time. A previously disturbed area will be graveled to allow for access and parking. A temporary job trailer and portable toilet will be placed on the site above the 100-year floodplain. Best management practices will be in place during construction and no hazardous materials will be stored on the site. Environmental Health's review is complete, and the proposal appears to meet the requirements of the Thurston County Sanitary Code. **Therefore, Environmental Health approval of this project is hereby recommended.**

If you have any questions regarding Environmental Health's review, I can be reached at (360) 867-2650 or dawn.peebles@co.thurston.wa.us.