

Historic Seattle, Seattle, WA.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed Newhalem Creek Surrender of License. Historic Seattle provided comments in 2022, and we wish to reiterate those comments here. Historic Seattle advocates for historic places and pursues our mission, "Saving meaningful places to foster lively communities," through our work in education, advocacy and preservation.

Historic Supports the decommissioning of the hydroelectric generation system on Newhalem Creek, as long as the historic structures are retained and maintained to tell the story of this historic resource. It is significant as the initial project in the massive Skagit River Hydroelectric Project.

To accomplish this, all the historic structures which convey this history should be preserved, including the powerhouse, penstock, AND the gatehouse. Doing so will allow for a complete interpretation of this significant project. Losing the gatehouse would mean that a visitor would not be able to understand the complete story of this resource.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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