



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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November 25, 2025

Seattle City Light
Attn: Shelly Adams
P.O Box 34023
Seattle, WA 98124

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Newhalem Creek
Hydroelectric Project Decommissioning Project, (FERC No. P-2705, Corps No. NWS-2024-
1051), Newhalem, Whatcom County, Washington

Dear Shelly Adams:

On February 6, 2025, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. Ecology issued a 21-day public notice on February 14, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Seattle City Light's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

On July 22, 2025, Seattle City Light and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM review period until October 15, 2025, in order for the Applicant to obtain a shoreline permit exemption, Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC), Construction Stormwater General Permit, and Asbestos Demolition Notification Approval and Permit to Work. A second stay was agreed to on September 25, 2025, extending the review period until November 30, 2025, in order for Seattle City Light to obtain all four of the authorizations mentioned above.

The project proposes a decommissioning of the Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Project which includes the following: diversion dam access, culvert removal, and natural drainage restoration; Newhalem Diversion Dam and Headworks removal; and Newhalem Powerhouse Tailrace Barrier removal and restoration.

The project site is located at the Newhalem Dam, Newhalem Powerhouse Tailrace Barrier, and a culvert location within the Ross Lake National Recreation Area, which is part of the North

Cascades National Park Complex, Newhalem Creek, Newhalem Powerhouse Tailrace, Skagit River, Stream 1, and Wetland 1, Whatcom County, Washington.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Rebekah Padgett at Rebekah.Padgett@ecy.wa.gov.

Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this decision on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Address and Location Information

Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://elaho.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

Service on Ecology

Street Addresses:

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
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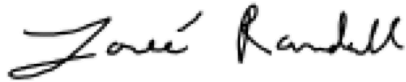
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loree' Randall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Loree' Randall, Section Manager
Aquatic Permitting & Protection Section, Headquarters
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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