



WAHKIAKUM COUNTY
Building and Planning Department

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TO: All Persons (see mailing list)

FROM: Dianna Adsero, Wahkiakum County Building and Planning

SUBJECT: SEPA lead agency and Determination of Non-Significance application # 2026-0001

This is to advise any agency that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900, Wahkiakum County has assumed lead agency status for the following proposal:

The East Fork Deep River Restoration-Phase 1 project is designed to restore tidal connectivity, improve fish passage, and address chronic flooding issues affecting the Deep River Valley. Work includes the replacement of failed tide gates and undersized structures with fish-passable Muted Tidal Regulator (MTR) gates and a series of box culverts, raising road elevations to reduce overtopping during flooding events, and floodplain benching to improve riparian wetland habitat for fish and wildlife. Excavated material will be thin spread over low-lying hayfields ensure positive drainage and reduce fish stranding potential.

The applicant is Chuck Beyer, Wahkiakum County Public Works

Please notify Wahkiakum County if you do not concur with this lead agency determination.

Enclosed are a Determination of Non-Significance and an Environmental Checklist pertaining to this proposal. Wahkiakum County will consider any comments received by February 17, 2026, as noted on the Determination of Non-Significance.

Sincerely,

Dianna Adsero,

Wahkiakum County Building and Planning

Mailing List for SEPA Review:

- U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District
- U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Washington Dept. of Ecology, SEPA, Environmental Review Section
- Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington Dept. of Natural Resources, SEPA Center
- Owner: / Applicant: Chuck Beyer
- Adjacent Property Owners