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RE: WDFW Comments on CU-23-00001 3 BR Custom Cuts

Ms. Bacon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 3 BR Custom Cuts project (CU-23-0001). The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has reviewed the SEPA Checklist and supporting documents.

WDFW has questions as to how carcasses will be disposed of after processing. We note that there is an “offal” location shown on the site plan, but could find no further information about this aspect of the proposed development within the application materials.

WDFW recommends that 3 BR Custom Cuts develops a carcass/offal management plan before beginning operations. With an appropriate carcass management plan in place, the processing plant will reduce the chances of attracting wildlife, such as predators and scavengers, onto the property. WDFW requests the ability to review and comment on the management plan before finalization, to ensure that the plan appropriately addresses wildlife management concerns and is successful at minimizing human-wildlife conflict.

Please contact me at (509) 607-6711 or Elizabeth.Torrey@dfw.wa.gov, if you have any questions or concerns regarding these comments. Thank you again for the opportunity to review and comment on this project.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Torrey
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