From:	ECY RE CRO SEPA Coordinator
То:	Rachael Stevie (CD)
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Rachael,

I received these <u>additional</u> comments from Alicia Schulz, Shorelands and Environmental Assistance for the Mohar Farm Cluster subdivision.

Would you prefer for me to combine these comments with the early comments I sent from Water Resources into a Revised comment letter?

## SHORELANDS/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to this project as it pertains to the Shoreline Management Act of 1971, RCW 90.58; State master program approval/amendment procedures and master program guidelines, WAC 173-26; Wetlands 90.48; and Shoreline management permit and enforcement procedures, Chapter 173-27 WAC.

According to National Wetland Inventory, streams may be present on the property. In addition, wetlands and evidence of hydric soils, such as stream remnants, appear on aerial imagery. There is significant suggestion of critical area may be present. A critical areas study may be necessary to demonstrate avoidance and minimization of impacts.

The proposed development and activities should be consistent with local critical areas ordinances and demonstrate avoidance and minimization where ever applicable. Applicants are required by state and federal permitting agencies to show that they have followed mitigation sequencing and have first avoided and minimized impacts to wetlands wherever practicable. For more information and sample checklists, see <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wetlands/avoidance.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wetlands/avoidance.html</a>.

Ecology staff is available to provide technical assistance to the local jurisdiction by reviewing wetland delineations, ratings, and verifying provided wetland and ordinary high water mark determinations in the field.

Please contact **Alicia Schulz**, Shorelands and Environmental Assistance, <u>alicia.schulz@ecy.wa.gov</u> or (509) 454-4260 if you have any questions about the comments provided.

Thank you,

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