

Bradley Gasawski

From: Nelson, Jennifer L (DFW) <Jennifer.Nelson@dfw.wa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 10:56 AM
To: linda horish
Cc: Bradley Gasawski
Subject: RE: Horish Shoreline Variance SV-23-00001

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Hello Ms. Horish,

Thank you for your detailed response. I'd welcome the opportunity walk the project area with you. My review and comments are largely based on my experience with the Yakima River and other riverine systems, aerial imagery, lidar, and available mapping. I do not recall having Ed's report available to review. I may have misinterpreted the site plan as the new driveway essentially following the boundary line between the two parcels, and that understanding was the basis for my comments.

As your neighbor across the river, WDFW is experiencing changes to our property because of changes in the river. Rivers move-she seems to want to move north right now, but soon, she'll change her mind and likely head south again. It is my hope to help ensure your infrastructure will not be susceptible to these changes in the river while ensuring the protection of the river, the riparian habitat and the fish and wildlife that depend on these complex habitats.

I would be grateful to meet with you and learn more about the history of this land from you since you've been a long-term landowner. In part, due to your stewardship, this reach of the Yakima River is a very important place for salmon and steelhead spawning.

Thank you again for your response and I look forward to meeting you,
Jen

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From: **linda horish** <lhorish@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 15, 2024 at 10:03 AM

Subject: Horish Shoreline Variance SV-23-00001

To: <Jennifer.Nelson@dffw.wa.gov>

Good morning,

My name is Linda Horish and I am following up on your response to Bradley Gasawski's email regarding the Shoreline variance application of the proposed driveway.

Paragraph 1 "This project area includes a dynamic and complex reach of the Yakima River that provides critical habitat for anadromous and resident fish as well as other wildlife of protection."

The project is strictly located on parcel No. 546534, the southern side of parcel No. 516534. This Parcel No. 546534 is irrigated pasture only.

Paragraph 3 "Flood and/or erosion risks are likely to increase with vegetation clearing and removal to accommodate road and home construction."

The proposed private driveway will not have any ground disturbing actions. One foot of gravel will be placed on top of the pasture land. There will be no vegetation clearing/removal to accommodate driveway construction. The home site is on Parcel No 516534 and has been approved by the county.

Paragraph 5 "There does not appear to be adequate information provided about the existing critical areas with the Shoreline jurisdiction"

Ed Sewall, Wetland Consulting, did a critical area report in April, 2023. The report was given to Kittitas County Community Development Services.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Linda Horish

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