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Bradley Gasawski Kittitas County Community Development Services 411 N. Ruby Street, Suite 2 Ellensburg, WA 98926

SUBJECT: WDFW COMMENTS ON SE-24-00032 Stoliarenko

Dear Mr. Gasawski:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on SE-24-00032, a proposal to construct a pedestrian bridge over the stream on Kittitas County parcel 577935. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is familiar with the property and met with Mr. Stoliarenko (landowner) and Kittitas County Code Enforcement on site in October 2024.

The stream located on the property is erroneously not mapped on DNR's water type map, as shown on Compas. However, it is a perennial fish bearing tributary to Coal Creek, which flows into Keechelus Lake. WDFW is willing to assist with updating the stream map to reflect this watercourse as a Type F stream.

We are working with the landowner to apply for a WDFW Hydraulic Project Approval for construction of the pedestrian bridge and the replanting of riparian vegetation. We recommend the County condition the replanting of the riparian vegetation in the areas of disturbance, which is located wholly within the riparian management zone.

Please contact me at (509) 406-3206 or <u>Cassandra.Weekes@dfw.wa.gov</u> if you have any questions or concerns regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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