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Subject: Shoreline Exemption Permit (SX-19-00018) – Critical Area Report

Dear Applicant,

Kittitas County has received technical review assistance from The Department of Ecology in regards to the wetland biologist report submitted for your project located at 1657 Bar 14 Road. The report submitted by Sewall Wetland Consulting, Inc. concluded that the wetland located at the northwest corner of your tax parcel is not associated with Naneum Creek's shoreline of the state. The Department of Ecology believes, due to historical images and topographic features, additional investigation and information is needed in order to determine if the wetland is influencing/influenced by the creek which would impact the shoreline designation. Due to the lack of investigation of potential wetland habitat and offsite adjacent wetlands, county staff believes there is not enough information provided to consider the wetlands at the northwest corner of the property not associated with Naneum Creek, as stated in the wetland biologist report. Therefore, the shoreline exemption application is required.

At this time, this proposal is being reviewed under shoreline regulations found in the Kittitas County Shoreline Master Program and Kittitas County Code (KCC) Title 17B – Shorelines. The wetland biologist report identifies the wetland at the northwest corner of the property as a category III wetland. KCC 17B.05.020G Wetlands – buffers, requires a minimum buffer of 75 feet. The report currently shows 50 feet.

Please have the wetland biologist report updated to include the above changes and submit a copy to our office. Once received, we can proceed with processing your shoreline exemption application.

Please contact me directly at (509) 962-7539 or via email at [kelly.bacon.cd@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:kelly.bacon.cd@co.kittitas.wa.us) with any questions.

Thank you,

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Enclosed: *Department of Ecology's comments*