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P. Allen Atkins
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Re: ERRATUM – Re-initiation of Endangered Species Act Section 7(a)(2) Biological Opinion and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Essential Fish Habitat Response for the King County Wastewater Treatment Div. Lake Trunk Hills/Lake Sammamish Interceptor in King County. NWS-2017-533-WRD

Dear Mr. Atkins:

On June 24, 2025, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued its Biological Opinion (Opinion), Incidental Take Statement (ITS), and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Essential Fish Habitat Response for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' proposed upgrade to an existing wastewater sewer pipe along the Sammamish River and construction of a new box culvert at Country Creek. Two minor editing errors exist in the document regarding in-water work windows and the exceedance of turbidity limits. Specifically,

On page 2, reference to the in-water work window currently reads: "Based on recommendations from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), the in-water work window would be between July 1st and August 31st each year to avoid periods of peak salmonid migration in the project area."

The text should read: "Based on recommendations from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and in agreement with the issued Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA), the in-water work window for the Sammamish River would be between July 1 and August 31 and between November 16 and February 1 of a given year. The in-water work window for Clise Creek, Country Creek, Brae Burn Creek, Tosh Creek, Idylwood Creek, and Villa Marina Creek would be between July 1 and September 30 of a given year, to avoid periods of peak salmonid migration in the project areas."

And on page 9, the text refers to "Amount or Extent of Take" and currently reads:

The County's turbidity monitoring plan requires that turbidity will not exceed 5 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) over background levels beyond 100 feet from in-water work (BA page 8, Water Quality). If turbid conditions resulting from construction exceeds 10 NTU above natural turbid conditions at 100 feet, take limits would be exceeded.

The text should read: The County's turbidity monitoring plan requires that turbidity will not exceed 5 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) over background levels beyond 100 feet from in-water work (BA page 8, Water Quality). If turbid conditions resulting from construction exceeds 10 NTU above natural turbid conditions at 100 feet, *for greater than an 8-hour period during the release of the bypass*, take limits would be exceeded.

This correction brings the description of the proposed action into consistency with the effects analyses and conclusions in the Opinion. Because these corrections fall within and are covered by the existing analysis, reinitiation of the consultation is not required. Please attach this erratum sheet to the Opinion in your records.

Please direct questions regarding this letter to David Hamm of the Washington Coast South Branch in Lacey, Washington at david.hamm@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,



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