



**Snohomish County  
Public Works**

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March 11, 2011

**RE: South Fork Stillaguamish River Engineered Log Jam  
Project Number RR49241**

Dear Reviewer:

Snohomish County Public Works received a grant from the State Salmon Recovery Funding Board and proposes to construct two engineered log jams on the South Fork Stillaguamish River. The log jams will divert some of the river flow in order to restore a side channel that has filled in with sediments. The side channel is important refuge and rearing habitat for juvenile salmon. Other project elements to facilitate the side channel restoration include:

- Excavating two pilot channels at either end of the side channel to direct flows from the South Fork Stillaguamish River into the side channel
- Removing encroaching vegetation within the side channel to increase flow paths
- Installing a series of flood fences: 1) on the banks of the side channel to trap floating debris and direct current flows away from the banks and 2) at the log jams for scour protection

The project is located in the South Fork Stillaguamish River and a side channel near the city of Arlington, in Section 1, Township 31N, Range 5E, W.M. Construction would begin in summer 2011.

This letter is to let you know about this upcoming project and that a notice for Land Disturbing Activity (Chapter 30.63B SCC and SCC 30.70.050(2)) and an environmental review of the project have been completed. An Environmental Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) have been issued (see attached DNS). The DNS states that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated from construction of this project.

Copies of the Environmental Checklist are available during normal business hours from Snohomish County Public Works at the address above or visit [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and type "South Fork Stillaguamish River Engineered Log Jam" in the search box. The notice will be published in the Everett Herald on Sunday, March 13, 2011.

Comments on this project must be submitted by 5 p.m. on April 4, 2011, to Stephanie Cotton at 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 607, Everett, WA 98201 or by email: [stephanie.cotton@snoco.org](mailto:stephanie.cotton@snoco.org). For more information, you can contact me at 425.388.3488 extension 4687.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Cotton, Senior Environmental Planner  
TES/Environmental Services Section

Attachments: DNS  
Environmental Checklist

cc: Doug McCormick, P.E., Manager, Program Planning and Environmental Services Division  
Bob Aldrich, Project Manager, Surface Water Management Division



## Snohomish County Public Works

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**PROJECT NAME:** South Fork Stillaguamish River Engineered Log Jam

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** Snohomish County Public Works received a grant from the State Salmon Recovery Funding Board and proposes to construct two engineered log jams on the South Fork Stillaguamish River, near the city of Arlington. The log jams will divert some of the river flow in order to restore a side channel that has filled in with sediments. The side channel is important refuge and rearing habitat for juvenile salmon. Other project elements to facilitate the side channel restoration include:

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**LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:** The project site is located in the South Fork Stillaguamish River and a side channel, near the city of Arlington, situated in Section 1, Township 31N, Range 5E, WM of Snohomish County, WA.

**APPLICANT AND LEAD AGENCY:** Snohomish County Public Works

**THRESHOLD DETERMINATION:** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the county's development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws and rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under chapter 30.61 SCC.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** This DNS is subject to a 21 day comment period. Written comments may be submitted by mail or e-mail to the lead agency's contact person. See name and address below. Comments must be received by 5 p.m., April 4, 2011.

**APPEALS:** This DNS may be appealed pursuant to the requirements of SCC 30.61.300 and Chapter 2.02 SCC. There is a 21 day appeal period on the DNS that commences from the date of publication of notice. Any appeal must be addressed to the County Hearing Examiner, accompanied by a filing fee of \$500.00, and be filed in writing at Snohomish County Public Works, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Robert J. Drewel Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Customer Service Center, Everett, Washington. The appeal must be received by 5 p.m., April 4, 2011.

The appeal must contain the items set forth in SCC 30.71.050(5). In addition, SCC 30.61.305(1) also requires that any person filing an appeal of a threshold determination made pursuant to chapter 30.61 SCC shall file with the hearing examiner, within seven days of filing the appeal, a sworn affidavit or declaration demonstrating facts and evidence, that, if proven, would demonstrate that the issuance of the threshold determination was clearly erroneous.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Stephanie Cotton, Senior Environmental Planner  
Telephone: (425) 388-3488, ext 4687  
stephanie.cotton@snoco.org

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:** Steven E. Thomsen, P.E., Director  
Snohomish County Public Works

**ADDRESS:** 3000 Rockefeller Ave., M/S 607  
Everett, WA 98201

**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 3-1-11

**DISCLAIMER:**

The determination that an environmental impact statement does not have to be filed does not mean there will be no adverse environmental impacts. Snohomish County codes governing noise control, land use performance standards, construction and improvement of county roads, drainage control, building practices will provide substantial mitigation of the aforementioned impacts.

The issuance of this Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of this proposal as presented. Snohomish County reserves the right to deny or approve said proposal subject to conditions if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County and/or necessary to the general health, safety, and welfare of the public to do so.

## **DISTRIBUTION LIST:**

### *Federal Agencies:*

NOAA Fisheries, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

### *Tribal Government:*

Muckleshoot Tribe, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, Sauk-Suiattle Tribe, and Tulalip Tribes

### *State Agencies:*

Department of Ecology (Environmental Review Section) and Department of Fish and Wildlife

### *County Departments:*

Executive Office, County Council, Planning and Development Services, Fire District, Sheriff, Public Works: Engineering Services, Right-of-Way Group, Road Maintenance, Surface Water Management

### *Cities:*

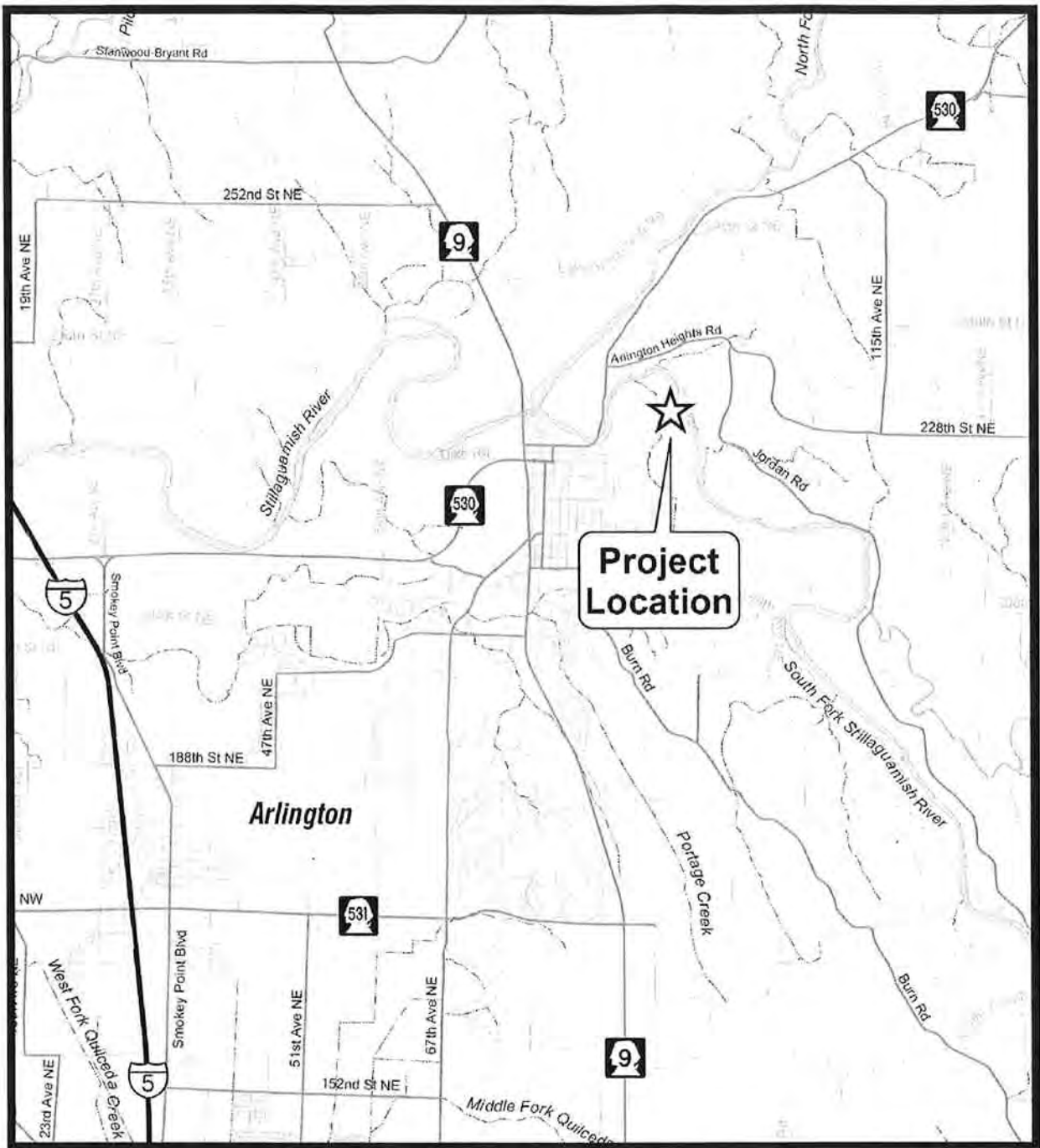
Arlington and Stanwood

### *Other:*




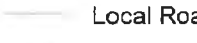

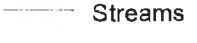

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Property owners and residents within 1,000 feet of the site

Attachments: SEPA Checklist, Vicinity Map, Aerial Map

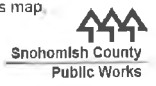


**Key to Features:**

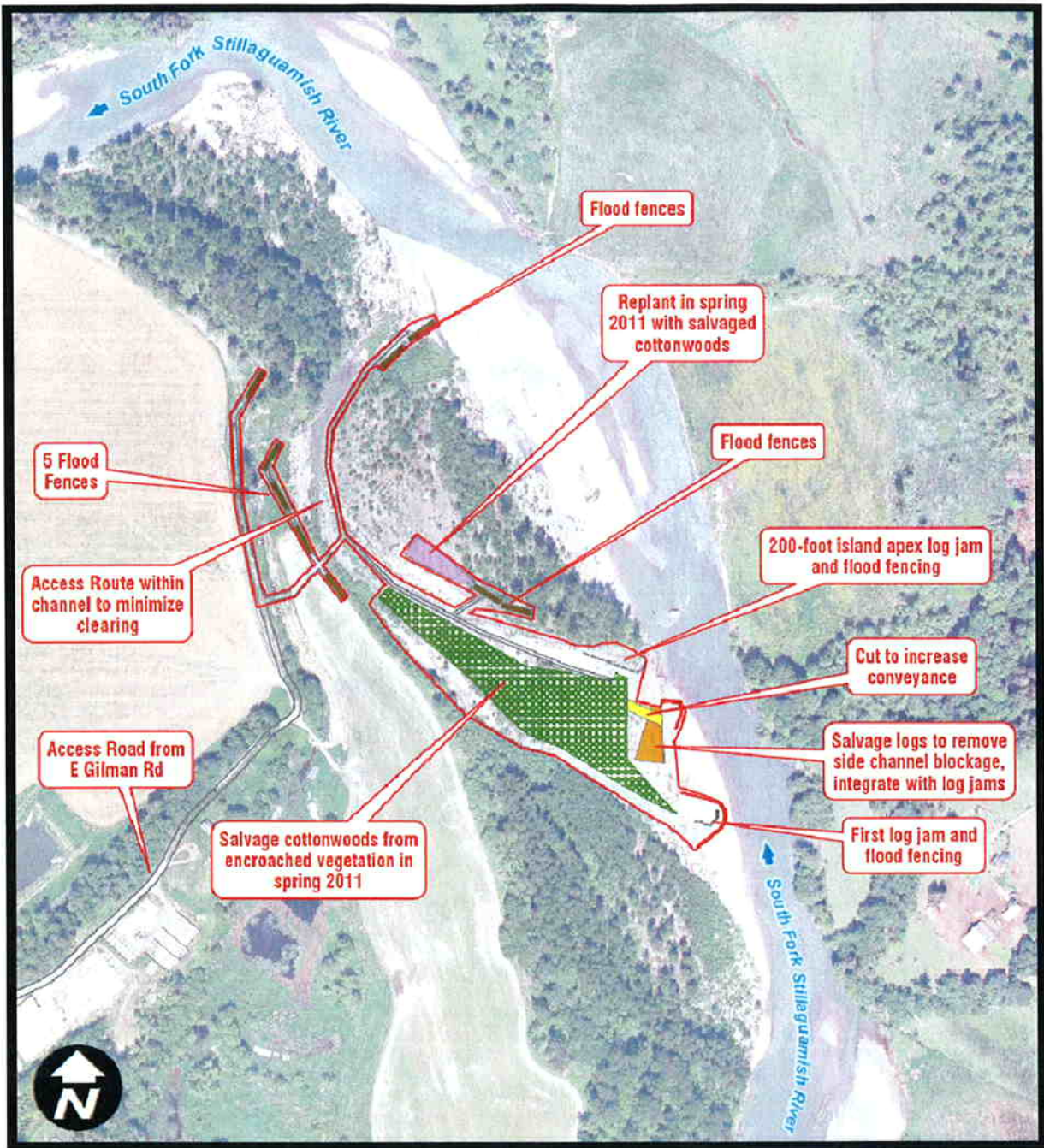
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|  | Project Location |  | Freeways    |
|  | Arterial Roads   |  | Local Roads |
|  | Waterbodies      |  | Streams     |
|  | Cities           |   |             |



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**Key to Features:**

	Replanting Area		Plant Salvage Area
	Area to be Cut		Wood Salvage Area
	Flood Fences		Project Area
			Access Road

0 200 400 800 Feet

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**Figure 2. Project Aerial**

