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Executive Summary

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is proposing to construct the SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project (SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project) to reduce transit and high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) travel times and to replace the aging spans of the Portage Bay and Evergreen Point bridges, which are highly vulnerable to windstorms and earthquakes. The project will also widen the State Route (SR) 520 corridor to six lanes from I-5 in Seattle to Evergreen Point Road in Medina, and will restripe and reconfigure the lanes in the corridor from Evergreen Point Road to 92nd Avenue NE in Yarrow Point. The project will complete the regional HOV lane system across SR 520, as called for in regional and local transportation plans.

The SR 520, I-5 to Medina project will extend approximately 5.2 miles from I-5 in Seattle to 92nd Avenue NE in Yarrow Point. The project will construct an additional bridge over the Montlake Cut and replace the Portage Bay Bridge, the Union Bay Bridge, and the vulnerable Evergreen Point Bridge with new structures. It will complete the regional HOV system across SR 520. The project passes through Section 24, in Township 25 North, Range 5 East, and Sections 20, 21, and 22 in Township 25 North, Range 4 East. The aquatic resources evaluated in this *Final Aquatic Mitigation Plan* analysis occur within and adjacent to the limits of construction.

Construction for the SR 520, I-5 to Medina project is planned to begin in 2012, with major construction expected to be completed in 2018. In order to maintain traffic flow in the SR 520 corridor, the project will be built in stages. The most vulnerable structures (Evergreen Point Bridge and Portage Bay Bridge) will be built first, followed by the less vulnerable components.

The environmental review process was originally initiated by WSDOT and Sound Transit in 2000, when a Notice of Intent was issued to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate improvements in the SR 520 corridor. WSDOT issued a Draft EIS in 2006, a Supplemental Draft EIS, in 2010, and has since identified the preferred alternative in a Final EIS issued in June 2011 for the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project. This aquatic mitigation plan is based on the preferred alternative identified in the Final EIS; thus, it presents the design and impacts associated with the preferred alternative. A formal decision on the selected alternative was described in the Record of Decision (ROD), issued in August 2011. During construction, the project will affect Portage Bay of Lake Union, the Lake Washington Ship Canal and Lake Washington, aquatic resources that are regulated by federal, state, or local agencies.

1 This aquatic mitigation plan serves to:

- 2 • Identify the project's impacts on aquatic resources;
- 3 • Describe project actions and design features that will minimize or avoid impacts on
4 aquatic resources; and
- 5 • Describe proposed compensatory mitigation to offset unavoidable impacts to aquatic
6 resources.

7 This aquatic mitigation plan also:

- 8 • Describes the updated design elements and construction techniques that have been
9 identified through progression of final design for the floating bridge and its east
10 approach; and
- 11 • Demonstrates that the overall environmental effects from the proposed changes would
12 further minimize or avoid impacts on aquatic resources compared to the WSDOT
13 conceptual design.

14 The mitigation plan is based on the most current information on project impacts and on
15 characteristics of the mitigation site. WSDOT will continue to develop and modify the
16 mitigation concept in response to agency comments, and additional technical investigations
17 and analyses as they are completed.

18 **Aquatic Resources Impacts**

19 A diverse group of native and non-native fish species inhabit the Lake Washington
20 watershed, including several species of native salmon and trout such as Chinook
21 (*Onchorhynchus tshawytscha*), coho (*O. kisutch*), and sockeye (*O. nerka*) salmon; and
22 steelhead (*O. mykiss*), rainbow (*O. mykiss irideus*), and cutthroat trout (*O. clarki clarki*).
23 Most of these species are likely to occur at least occasionally in the project area, which is
24 located adjacent to a primary migration corridor (i.e., Ship Canal) for all anadromous
25 salmonids spawned in the watershed. The project has the potential to affect several life
26 history stages of anadromous salmonids, primarily rearing and migrating juveniles. In
27 addition to discussing these species, this report presents information on fish species that are
28 significant predators on salmonids in Lake Washington, including bass and northern
29 pikeminnow.

30 Construction and operation of the preferred alternative will result in long-term operational
31 impacts and short-term construction impacts to the species and life history stages of the
32 salmonids mentioned above. Project construction may result in long-term impacts to
33 shoreline and open-water habitats in the project area. The largest impacts are associated with
34 construction of a wider floating bridge, bridge approaches, and interchanges. The impacts

1 include (1) loss of benthic habitat due to placement of larger (although fewer) bridge
2 columns, (2) increased over-water bridge structure that could result in an increase in the
3 amount or intensity of in-water shade, and (3) changes in habitat complexity (benefitting
4 predators of juvenile salmonids) due to new arrangements of in-water piers and columns.
5 Short-term construction impacts to the aquatic environment include pile driving, the
6 construction of cofferdams, construction lighting, anchor placement, and other in-water
7 work.

8 The mitigation team developed a conceptual model to characterize the interaction between
9 anadromous salmonids and the aquatic habitat in the project area. The model is based on
10 existing literature on salmonid habitat functions and features in Lake Washington. It uses the
11 primary life history stages of anadromous salmonids as surrogates for related population-
12 level metrics (i.e., survival, growth, fitness, and reproductive success) to represent all
13 anadromous salmonids in the Lake Washington system, although the importance of specific
14 habitat features varies by species.

15 The mitigation team reviewed the proposed project actions to determine the scope and scale
16 of the impacts on relevant aquatic functions in the project area. Potential changes in aquatic
17 functions were analyzed based on their effects on salmonid life history stages and
18 populations. Based on this review, WSDOT determined which impact metrics best
19 represented important aquatic impacts. The three primary metrics are as follows:

- 20 1. Area of over-water shading, which is tied to changes in juvenile salmonid outmigration.
- 21 2. Benthic fill, representing the physical displacement of aquatic habitat.
- 22 3. Habitat complexity, representing alterations in predation on juvenile salmonids.

23 A mitigation framework was created to assess impacts and resulting mitigation needs, based
24 on salmonid life histories and habitat utilization. The framework was used to establish a
25 methodology to assess both impacts and mitigation uplift. Impacts were assigned based on
26 the two-dimensional area of affected habitat, modified by a geographic (spatial) factor called
27 the Fish Function Modifier (this modifier accounts for differences in fish utilization). The
28 resulting impacts are calculated in acres. The methodology also calculates temporary
29 impacts by integrating the temporal aspect of the impact structures, and therefore results in
30 impacts based on the integration of both impact area and duration (service-acre-years).

31 Under the mitigation approach used by WSDOT, compensation is required for unavoidable
32 adverse impacts that exist after avoidance and minimization measures have been employed.
33 With the exception of the three impact metrics listed above, other types of construction
34 impacts, including in-water noise, temporary lighting, in-water turbidity/contaminants, and
35 barge operation, have been avoided and/or minimized to the extent that compensatory
36 mitigation will not be required. Similarly, potential operational effects such as stormwater

1 discharge and permanent bridge lighting have also been sufficiently minimized through
2 project design and will represent an improvement over the existing condition. Any residual
3 effects are expected to be insignificant and will not require compensatory mitigation. This
4 document describes the specific avoidance and minimization measures employed for
5 potential construction and operational impacts.

6 Based on the types and locations of potential impacts, the project has the greatest potential to
7 affect juvenile salmonids in the rearing/feeding and migration life history stages; impacts
8 during these life history stages could result in decreases in juvenile growth, survival, and
9 fitness. The impact assessment characterized effects on aquatic resources based on area
10 (acreage) of bridge structures and related changes to salmonid life history stages. The raw
11 area calculations were adjusted based on the use of specific impact zones by salmonids,
12 including the amount and type of fish utilization. This application of the Fish Function
13 Modifier factor adjusted the impacts according to their ecological relevance (in most cases
14 the modified impact acreage is less than the un-modified impact area). The specific metrics
15 for habitat impacts were calculated and the modified totals are 7.43 acres of permanent
16 impacts and 16.73 acre-years of temporary impacts (one acre-year is defined as one acre of
17 impact over one year). The modified totals are broken down as follows:

- 18 • Permanent shading impacts of 7.14 acres and temporary shading impacts of 12.49
19 acre-years.
- 20 • Permanent benthic fill impacts of 0.29 acre and temporary benthic fill impacts of 0.65
21 acre-years.
- 22 • Temporary habitat complexity impacts of 3.72 acre-years (no permanent habitat
23 complexity impacts result from the project).

24 **Aquatic Resources Mitigation**

25 To offset project impacts that could not be adequately avoided or minimized, WSDOT
26 focused on mitigation projects that would benefit the same salmonid species and life history
27 phases to which impacts could occur. Because on-site, in-kind opportunities were not
28 feasible, WSDOT sought off-site mitigation opportunities within the watershed that
29 addressed the same functions and values that could be affected by the project.

30 The same conceptual model and impact assessment methodology used for calculation of
31 impacts were also applied to the various mitigation sites to translate the type and amount of
32 functional uplift at a given site to habitat acres. The acres were adjusted using the Fish
33 Function Modifier, using the same criteria used for the impact sites. WSDOT also recognizes
34 that some types of mitigation, such as riparian or floodplain enhancement, offer less direct
35 improvement of aquatic habitat than do other types of mitigation that occur directly in the
36 aquatic environment, such as beach creation or in-water structure removal. Therefore,

1 WSDOT has reduced the mitigation credit for these activities to accurately characterize uplift
2 to fish survival, growth, and fitness.

3 Using the methods listed above, it was determined that a suite of seven mitigation sites,
4 located in various key locations in the Lake Washington basin, will mitigate for the
5 temporary and permanent impacts of the project (Table ES-1). These seven sites were
6 chosen primarily for the salmonid life history stages that will be enhanced (juvenile rearing
7 and outmigration), although most of the sites will also have direct benefits to spawning
8 salmonids. The entire mitigation package will equal about 8.56 acres of permanent mitigation
9 credit and 38.66 acre-years of temporary mitigation credit, which will provide mitigation for
10 project impacts sufficient to meet federal, state, and local regulatory requirements. Table ES-
11 1 illustrates the proposed allocation of those credits.

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1 **Table ES-1. Mitigation Sites, Activities, and Credits**

Mitigation Site	Mitigation Actions	Species/ Life Stage Addressed	Permanent Mitigation Credit (acres)	Temporary Mitigation Credit (acre-years)
Seward Park 1	Shoreline enhancement + hard structure removal, riparian restoration	Chinook (juvenile rearing/ feeding, juvenile migration),	0	6.26
Seward Park 2	Shoreline enhancement (gravel supplementation)	Chinook (juvenile rearing/ feeding, juvenile migration), Sockeye (spawning, rearing/feeding)	0	0.85
Seward Park 3	Shoreline enhancement (gravel supplementation), riparian restoration	Chinook (juvenile rearing/ feeding, juvenile migration),	0	2.23
Seward Park 4	Shoreline enhancement (gravel supplementation)	Sockeye (spawning)	0	19.37
Magnuson Park 1	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal, Riparian Restoration	Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/ Feeding, Juvenile Migration),	0	1.88
Magnuson Park 2	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/ Feeding, Juvenile Migration),	0	2.89
Taylor Creek	Channel and Delta Restoration, Riparian + Floodplain Restoration	Chinook (Rearing/ Feeding) Sockeye (Spawning, Rearing/ Feeding), Coho (Spawning, Rearing/ Feeding)	0	5.20
South Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal, Riparian Restoration, Dolphin Removal	Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/ Feeding, Juvenile Migration) Sockeye (Juvenile Rearing/ Feeding)	1.75	0
Bear Creek	Stream Enhancement, Riparian Restoration	Chinook (Rearing/ Feeding) Sockeye (Rearing/ Feeding) Coho (Rearing/ Feeding)	4.55	0

Mitigation Site	Mitigation Actions	Species/ Life Stage Addressed	Permanent Mitigation Credit (acres)	Temporary Mitigation Credit (acre-years)
Cedar River/ Elliott Bridge	River Margin and Aquatic Off-channel Creation, Riparian + Floodplain Restoration	Chinook (Spawning, Rearing/ Feeding) Sockeye (Spawning, Rearing/ Feeding) Coho (Spawning, Rearing/ Feeding) Steelhead (Spawning, Rearing/ Feeding)	1.67	0
East Approach	Shoreline enhancement (gravel supplementation, bulkhead removal), riparian enhancement	Sockeye (Spawning) Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/ Feeding, Juvenile Migration)	0.60	0
Total			8.56	38.66

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AKART	all known, available and reasonable technology
BMPs	best management practices
C	Celsius
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
cfs	cubic feet per second
cm	centimeter
CWA	Clean Water Act
dB	decibel
DDD	metabolite of DDT
DDE	breakdown product of DDT
DDT	dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
DNR	Washington State Department of Natural Resources
DO	dissolved oxygen
Ecology	Washington State Department of Ecology
EIS	environmental impact statement
ELJs	engineered logjams
ESA	Endangered Species Act
F	Fahrenheit
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FHWG	Fisheries Hydroacoustic Working Group
HOV	high-occupancy vehicle
HPA	Hydraulic Project Approval
HRM	<i>Highway Runoff Manual</i>
LWD	large woody debris
m	meter
mg/L	milligrams per liter
MITFD	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Fisheries Division
mm	millimeter

NAVD	North American Vertical Datum
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOAA Fisheries	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRTWG	Natural Resources Technical Working Group
OHW	ordinary high water
OHWM	ordinary high water mark
PAHs	polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
PCBs	polychlorinated biphenyls
PGIS	pollutant-generating impervious surface
PSPL	Puget Sound Power and Light
ppm	parts per million
ROD	Record of Decision
SEL	sound exposure level
SPCC	Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (Plan)
SPL	sound pressure level
SPU	Seattle Public Utilities
SR	State Route
SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
TCDD	dioxin
TESC	Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control (Plan)
TSS	total suspended solids
TWG	Technical Work Group
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
WDFW	Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

WQPMP	Water Quality Protection and Monitoring Plan
WRIA	Water Resource Inventory Area
WSDOT	Washington State Department of Transportation
WWTIT	Western Washington Treaty Indian Tribes

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1. Introduction

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is proposing to construct the SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project (SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project) to improve transit and high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) travel times and to replace the aging spans of the Portage Bay and Evergreen Point bridges, which are highly vulnerable to windstorms and earthquakes. Specifically, the project proposes to enhance travel time reliability, mobility, access, and safety for transit and HOVs in the rapidly growing areas along State Route (SR) 520 between I-5 in Seattle and 92nd Avenue NE in Yarrow Point (Figure 1-1). The project will have permanent and temporary impacts to fish habitat and aquatic resources.

This report identifies the project's permanent and temporary impacts to aquatic habitat and species, and describes the mitigation strategy for the project. Permanent and temporary impacts discussed in this report will result from over-water structure, benthic fill, and changes in in-water habitat complexity associated with the construction and operation of a widened roadway and accessory facilities. The mitigation strategy includes minimization and avoidance measures and a proposal for compensatory mitigation for the unavoidable permanent and temporary impacts of the project. The discussion in this report focuses on the project's compensatory mitigation elements.

A separate report, the *SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project Final Wetland Mitigation Report* (WSDOT 2011a), discusses wetland impacts resulting from this project and mitigation for these impacts. For the purposes of this report, aquatic habitats are those areas without aquatic bed vegetation and/or habitats with water depths greater than 6.6 feet.

This report will be used in part to obtain the following permits:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404, Individual Permit and Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.
- Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) – CWA Section 401, Water Quality Certification.
- Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) – Hydraulic Project Approval.
- City of Seattle – Shoreline Substantial Development Permit and Critical Areas Review.

- 1 • City of Medina– Shoreline Substantial Development Permit and Critical Areas
2 Review.

3 Overall site conditions are discussed in the project Biological Assessment (WSDOT 2010a)
4 and the Ecosystems Discipline Report, SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and
5 HOV Project (appendix to WSDOT 2010b).

6 WSDOT is coordinating technical and planning efforts for the SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project
7 through two teams: the Mitigation Core Team and the Mitigation Technical Work Group
8 (which includes the Aquatic Resources Technical Work Group).

9 The Mitigation Core Team serves as a steering group for mitigation planning activities and is
10 led by Shane Cherry (Confluence Environmental). The Mitigation Core Team is multi-
11 disciplinary, composed of engineers, planners, and biologists from WSDOT HQ
12 Environmental Services, the SR 520 Program, and private consulting companies. The
13 Mitigation Core Team includes (or has included) the following individuals: Bill Leonard
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16 (WSDOT), Phil Bloch (WSDOT), Shane Cherry (Confluence Environmental), Jeff Meyer
17 (Parametrix), Gretchen Lux (WSDOT, replaced Bill Leonard in December 2007), Chris
18 Berger (Confluence Environmental), and Beth Peterson (HDR Engineering, Inc).

19 The Aquatic Resources Technical Work Group was led by Phil Bloch (through September
20 2011, replaced by Michelle Meade in October 2011), and provides technical detail and policy
21 guidance to team members conducting analyses and preparing aquatic resource mitigation
22 planning products. This group consists of Michelle Meade (WSDOT), Shane Cherry
23 (Confluence Environmental), Chris Cziesla (Confluence Environmental), Beth Peterson
24 (HDR Engineering, Inc.), Pete Lawson (Parametrix, through May 2011), Chris Berger
25 (Confluence Environmental), and Chad Wiseman (HDR Engineering, Inc.).

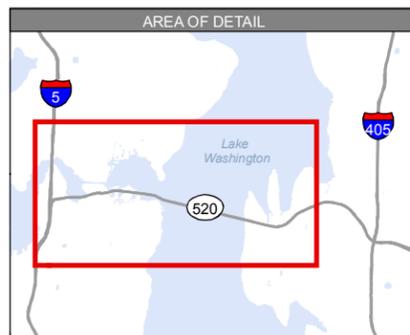
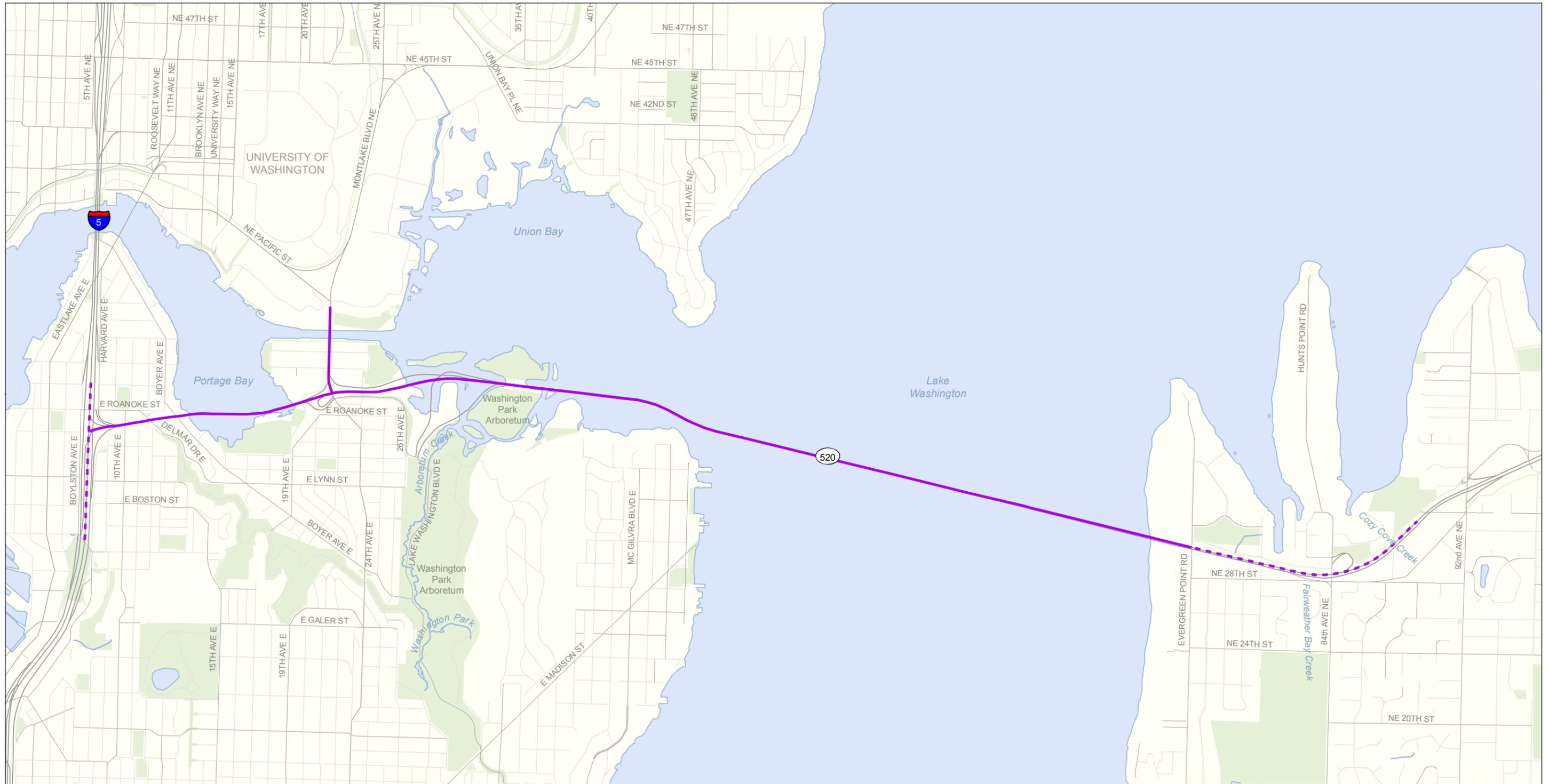
26 WSDOT engaged regulatory agencies (USACE, USEPA, U.S. Coast Guard, WDFW,
27 Ecology, Seattle Planning), the Services (NMFS, USFWS), the University of Washington,
28 Seattle Parks, and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe in a collaborative Natural Resources
29 Technical Working Group (NRTWG) process to assist in identification and refinement of
30 effect mechanisms on aquatic resources and in the development of appropriate mitigation
31 measures. To observe existing conditions, WSDOT also conducted field trips with NRTWG
32 members to the Evergreen Point Bridge across Union Bay and the I-90 Bridge across Mercer
33 Slough.

34 An Initial Aquatic Mitigation Plan was prepared in 2006, and was superseded by the
35 Conceptual Aquatic Mitigation Plan (WSDOT 2009b) incorporating field investigations,
36 scientific research, and the collective knowledge from the TWGs and WSDOT project
37 mitigation teams. The initial plan was submitted to the NRTWG for review and comment. In

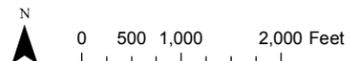
1 addition, the general methodologies for calculating project impacts and mitigation benefits
2 were discussed, including potential project impacts, appropriate metrics to measure these
3 impacts, and the general types of mitigation to offset these impacts. The NRTWG meetings
4 in which impacts and compensatory mitigation were discussed were held from June to
5 October 2010. The goal of the meetings was to clearly identify a set of impacts to aquatic
6 resources associated with the project, and to then identify a list of potential mitigation sites
7 that had the greatest potential to directly mitigate for the types and amounts of project effects.
8 In some cases, the specific metrics and methods presented in the NRTWG meetings has
9 changed slightly, based on refinements to project design or additional scientific information.
10 All the changes are based on the best available science, which is discussed in the appropriate
11 sections of this document. Likewise, each of the mitigation sites initially proposed in the
12 NRTWG meetings underwent detailed additional analysis prior to inclusion in the final
13 aquatic mitigation plan, resulting in slightly altered and refined mitigation concepts.

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- Project Extent
- - - Limited Improvement
- Stream
- Park



Source: King County (2008) GIS Data (Streams, Streets, Water Bodies), CH2M HILL (2008) GIS Data (Parks). Horizontal datum for all layers is NAD83(91), vertical datum for layers is NAVD88.

Figure 1-1. Project Vicinity Map

I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project

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2. Project Description

The SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project will widen the SR 520 corridor to six lanes (Figure 2-1) from I-5 in Seattle to Evergreen Point Road in Medina, and restripe and reconfigure the traffic lanes between Evergreen Point Road and 92nd Avenue NE in Yarrow Point. The proposed SR 520 bridge will be six lanes (two 11-foot-wide outer general-purpose lanes in each direction and one 12-foot-wide inside HOV lane in each direction), and include a 14-foot-wide bicycle/pedestrian path), 4-foot-wide inside shoulders, and 10-foot-wide outside shoulders. The width of the combined roadway cross-section (115 feet) will be greater than the existing width of 60 feet, although in places the eastbound and westbound lanes will consist of separate structures with a gap between them. The additional roadway width is needed to accommodate the new HOV lanes and the wider, safer travel lanes and shoulders.

Final design of the Floating Bridge and Landings phase of the project began after WSDOT awarded a contract and issued the Record of Decision. As design has progressed, WSDOT has evaluated the potential impacts of design changes in updated NEPA, SEPA and ESA analyses. Subsequent to the analyses and determination that the overall environmental effects would be less than the WSDOT conceptual design, WSDOT determined that these changes should be reflected in all working environmental documents prior to approval of the final mitigation plan and permits. Including these updates will ensure that the final documents reflect the most current design.

Major elements of the project are discussed below in Section 2.1, while construction activities are summarized in Section 2.2. Operational elements of the project that have some potential to affect aquatic species or habitats (stormwater, lighting, etc.) are discussed in Section 2.3. For detailed design and construction elements, see the project Biological Assessment (WSDOT 2010a) and Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (WSDOT 2010b) for the SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project.

As discussed, Sections 2.1 and 2.2 have been updated to reflect changes to the design and construction techniques of the floating bridge, east approach and bridge maintenance facility. The proposed design changes include 1) a revised combination of permanent bridge anchors, and increased impacts to aquatic substrate from anchor installation 2) fewer columns to support the east approach structure, reducing the permanent benthic impacts and effects to habitat complexity; 3) use of buried spread footings to support the east approach, reducing the permanent benthic impacts compared to mudline footings; 4) revised construction techniques, including a smaller work trestle and establishment of an eastside staging area, reducing the temporary benthic impacts as a result of fewer piles, but increasing shading in ecological zone 7; 5) fewer but larger drilled shafts to support Pier 36 at the west transition span, slightly increasing permanent benthic impacts, 6) additional but smaller in-water columns to support the maintenance dock, slightly increasing permanent benthic impacts.

1 **2.1 Proposed Project Elements**

2 To simplify the description of the proposed project, the sections below discuss project
3 features in seven subareas within the project limits. Figure 2-1 shows the project limits and
4 identifies the six subareas, as well as three discrete geographic areas (Seattle, Lake
5 Washington, and the Eastside) that were incorporated into the Endangered Species Act
6 (ESA) consultation and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis.

7 **2.1.1. I-5 Interchange Area**

8 The SR 520 and I-5 interchange ramps will be reconstructed in generally the same
9 configuration as those for the existing interchange. The only exceptions are that a new
10 reversible HOV ramp will connect to the existing I-5 reversible express lanes south of
11 SR 520, and the alignment of the ramp from northbound I-5 to eastbound SR 520 will shift to
12 the south.

13 The East Roanoke Street bridge over I-5 will provide an enhanced pedestrian crossing. The
14 10th Avenue East and Delmar Drive East overcrossing will be rebuilt as part of the proposed
15 lid structure, generally within the same alignment and with a similar vertical profile as the
16 existing overcrossing.

17 Construction activities and durations in the I-5 area will occur over a 2- to 3-year period.
18 Activities in this area will include roadway reconstruction, excavation and embankment
19 grading, retaining wall and abutment construction, and paving. Up to two staging areas will
20 be located within the existing right-of-way. Construction will result in the temporary clearing
21 of approximately 2.9 acres of vegetation. Three facilities—a bioswale and two media
22 treatment vaults—will be constructed to treat stormwater from the I-5 interchange area. No
23 aquatic areas will be affected by the construction and demolition activities.

24 **2.1.2. Portage Bay Area**

25 WSDOT will replace the Portage Bay Bridge with a new bridge that will include two
26 general-purpose lanes in each direction, an HOV lane in each direction (six lanes total), and a
27 westbound managed shoulder. Connections between the new bridge and the exit lanes and
28 ramps to Roanoke Street and northbound I-5 will be configured much as they are currently.
29 Two facilities—one basic treatment bioswale and one constructed wetland for enhanced
30 treatment—will be constructed to treat stormwater from this area.

31 The height of the western half of the new bridge will match that of the existing bridge, but
32 the eastern half will be higher (Figure 2-2). The new bridge will be about 14 feet higher than
33 the existing bridge’s lowest point near the middle of Portage Bay, and will remain at a
34 greater height above the water than the existing bridge throughout the eastern portion. The
35 new bridge will be supported by larger, but fewer, concrete columns than the existing bridge.

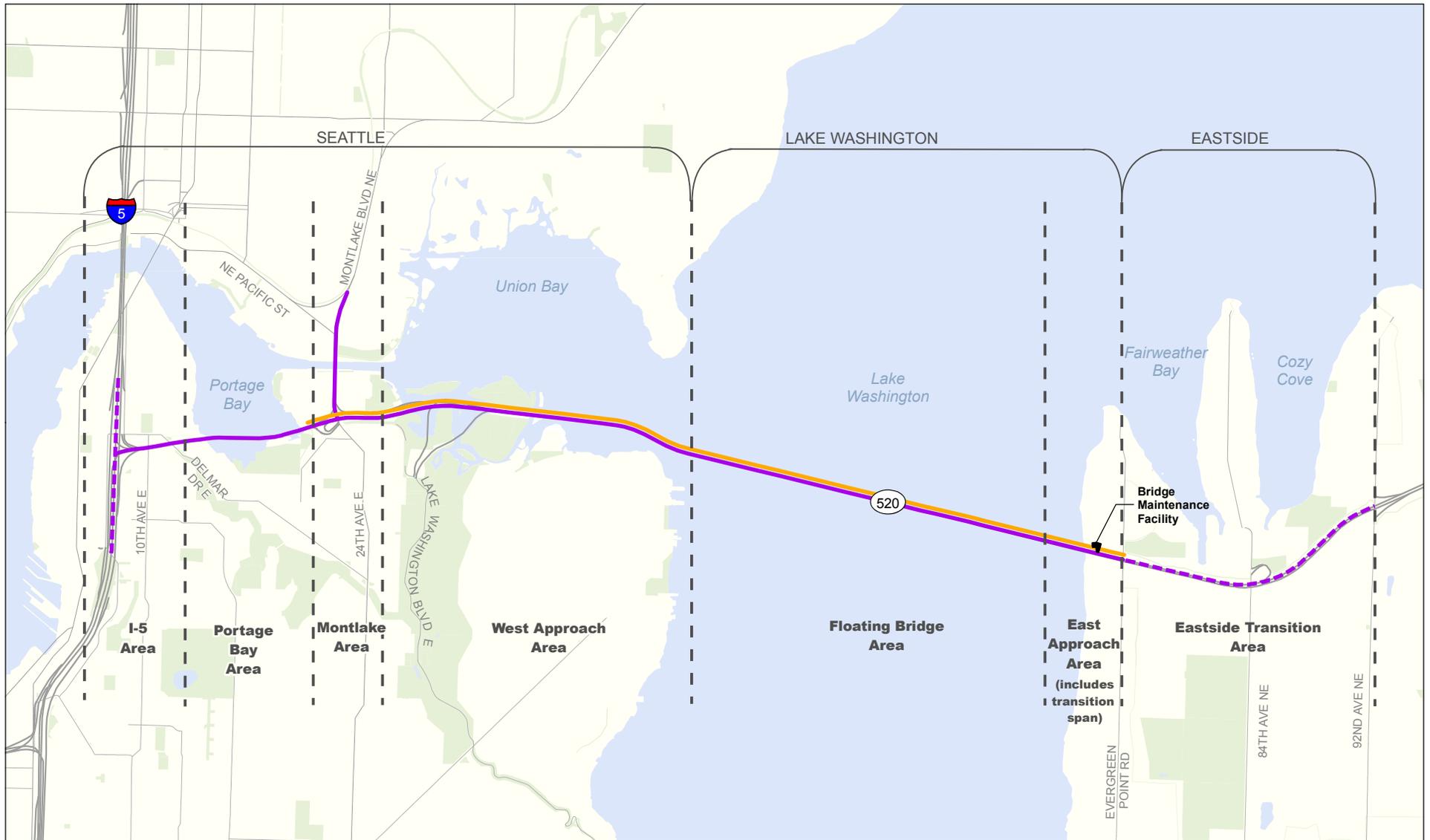
1 It will begin just east of Delmar Drive, extend across Portage Bay, and end west of Montlake
2 Boulevard. The new Portage Bay Bridge will be a fixed-span bridge. The adjacent
3 interchange ramps to I-5 and Montlake Boulevard will add width near the west and east ends
4 of the bridge as they taper on and off the freeway.

5 The Portage Bay Bridge substructure will have three main parts: drilled shafts, shaft caps,
6 and concrete support columns. Collectively, the substructure elements constitute a pier bent.
7 The Portage Bay Bridge superstructure will consist of two main parts: cast-in-place box
8 girders that span between the bridge piers and the roadway slab (bridge deck). The
9 superstructure will also include false arches for aesthetic treatments under the westerly three
10 over-water spans. The bridge configuration will range between 105 and 143 feet wide,
11 compared to the 61- to 75-foot-wide existing bridge. The height of the western half of the
12 new bridge would match the existing bridge, but the height of the eastern half will increase
13 from 5 to 16 feet.

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- Project Extent
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- Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Path
- Park



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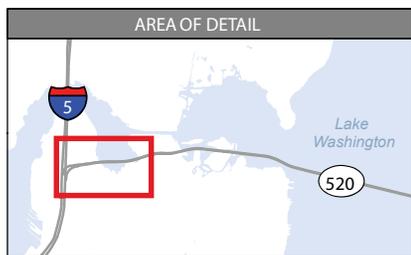
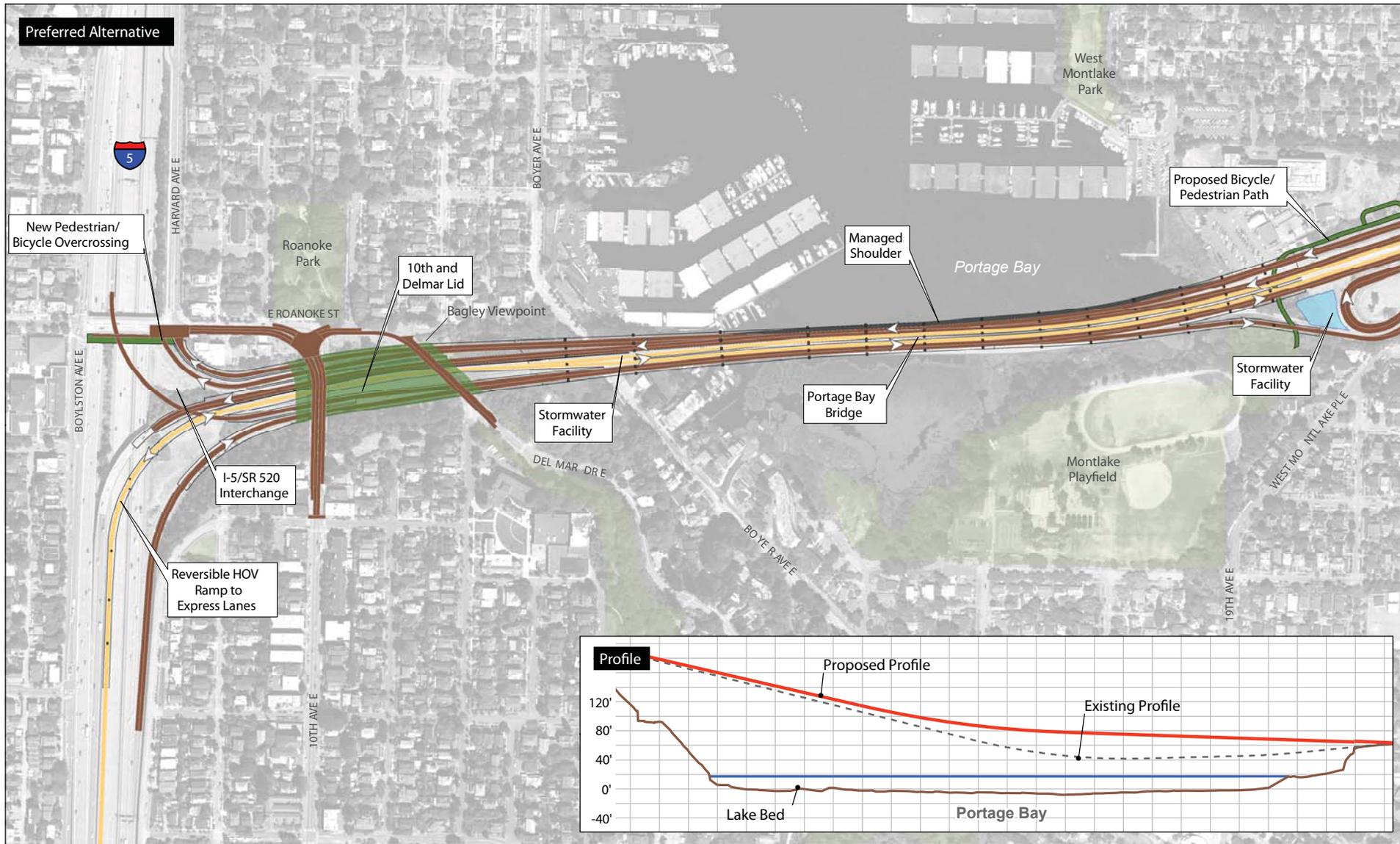
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Figure 2-1. Geographic Areas within the Project Limits

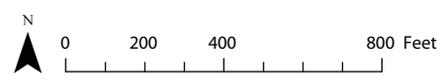
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- Column
- General-Purpose Lane
- HOV, Direct Access, and/or Transit-Only Lane
- Westbound Managed Shoulder
- Proposed Bicycle/Pedestrian Path
- Lid
- Park



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Figure 2-2. Project Layout – I-5 to Portage Bay

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1 The construction elements include the following:

- 2 • 75,000 cubic yards of excavation
- 3 • 82 drilled shaft foundations
- 4 • 17 upland shafts supporting individual columns
- 5 • 65 in-water shafts: 30 supporting mudline footings and 35 extending through the lake
6 bed and supporting individual columns
- 7 • 3 mudline footings at lake bed (capping 10 drilled shafts each)
- 8 • 67 permanent concrete columns (50 in-water)
- 9 • 900 work bridge support piles
- 10 • 400 falsework piles
- 11 • 5- to 6-year construction duration, excluding mobilization and project closeout

12 Starting with the bottom foundation elements, the new bridge substructure will consist of a
13 total of 82 drilled shafts with diameters of 8 to 10 feet; 65 of these shafts will be constructed
14 in the water. Thirty-five of the proposed in-water shafts will intersect with the substrate,
15 resulting in approximately 3,000 square feet of substrate displacement. Each mudline footing
16 will consist of a rectangular concrete block embedded into the lake bed, and will typically be
17 supported by 10 drilled shafts each (i.e., the remaining 30 shafts will terminate at mudline
18 footings). The mudline footings will be constructed within cofferdams at the three westerly
19 in-water pier bents (i.e., those with the longest span lengths) to tie the multiple shafts
20 together and distribute the load from the columns. Two footings will be 116-by-35 feet, and
21 one footing will measure 125-by-35 feet. These three footings will occupy approximately
22 12,500 square feet (0.3 acre) of bottom substrate.

23 The Portage Bay Bridge will be supported by 50 in-water columns (ranging in size from 7-
24 by-7 feet to 7-by-10 feet). The support columns will be constructed either on top of the
25 mudline footing or directly on top of the drilled shaft, and each pier bent will consist of five
26 columns. Each of the three mudline footings will support five 7-by-10-foot bridge support
27 columns extending from the top of the footing to the bottom of the bridge superstructure. The
28 remaining 35 columns (7 feet in diameter) will be supported by individual drilled shafts.
29 These columns will replace the 76 in-water columns (4.5 feet in diameter) currently
30 supporting the Portage Bay Bridge. The column's cross-sectional area will occupy
31 approximately 4,000 square feet of the lake's surface.

1 Substructure construction will occur from temporary work bridges. The work bridges will
2 ultimately be designed by the contractor and will be built along the outer edge of both the
3 north and south sides of the proposed structure. Finger piers will typically span beneath the
4 existing and proposed bridge structures at regular intervals, connecting the north and south
5 work bridges. The work bridges will not exceed 4.1 acres (1.9 acres over open water) and
6 will consist of up to 900 steel piles with diameters of 24 to 30 inches.

7 The completed permanent substructure will consist of 11 in-water pier bents, with span
8 distances (length between pier bents) ranging between 300 and 116 feet, moving from west
9 to east. In-place casting of box girder bridge sections is proposed, which requires the use of
10 falsework to support the concrete forms. Two falsework structures will be built, each
11 supported by no more than 200 piles. Cast-in-place box girders generally allow for longer
12 span lengths. The completed superstructure will have an over-water width of 124 feet at the
13 west end, narrowing to 105 feet in the middle, and then widening to 143 feet at the east end.
14 The bottom of the bridge deck will range from 62 to 16 feet above the water (moving west to
15 east). Total over-water cover resulting from the Portage Bay Bridge will be approximately
16 4.5 acres.

17 Construction activities and durations in this area will occur over a 5- to 6-year period and
18 will include construction of work bridges, falsework, and structures, as well as bridge
19 demolition. The new Portage Bay Bridge will be built in halves (north and south) so that
20 traffic flow will not be interrupted.

21 To accommodate four lanes of traffic for the duration of the project, construction must be
22 sequentially staged by temporarily widening the existing Portage Bay Bridge to the south.
23 Approximately 42 temporary 8-foot-diameter drilled shafts/columns, occupying about 0.01
24 acre of aquatic habitat, and 2.5 acres of additional superstructure will be constructed on the
25 south side of the existing bridge. Traffic will be diverted to this expanded southern half of the
26 bridge to allow the northern half of the existing bridge to be demolished and the northern half
27 of the new bridge to be constructed. Following construction, traffic will be shifted to the
28 newly constructed northern half of the proposed bridge to allow demolition of the existing
29 and temporary south bridge lanes and construction of the new southern columns and
30 superstructure to complete the proposed Portage Bay Bridge.

31 A detailed account of the construction and demolition activities and the duration and
32 sequence of these activities by construction season is provided in the Biological Assessment
33 (WSDOT 2010a). Construction seasons are structured around the published in-water
34 construction period of October 1 to April 15.¹

¹ Some in-water construction elements (see Table 5-2) may occur outside of the published work window, as presented to the In-Water Technical Work Group (TWG) participants.

1 **2.1.3. Montlake Area**

2 The Montlake interchange will be widened to the north to accommodate a shift in the
3 mainline alignment, HOV lanes and ramps, and the widened mainline ramps. The Montlake
4 Boulevard and 24th Avenue East overcrossing structures will be demolished and replaced
5 with a lid structure, and a new two-leaf bascule bridge (drawbridge) will be constructed over
6 the Montlake Cut.

7 **Montlake Interchange**

8 The SR 520 interchange with Montlake Boulevard will be similar to the existing interchange,
9 connecting to the University District via Montlake Boulevard and the existing and new
10 bascule bridges (Figure 2-3). A large new lid will be provided over SR 520 in the Montlake
11 area, configured for transit and bicycle/pedestrian connectivity. The alignment of Montlake
12 Boulevard over SR 520 will be similar to that of the existing alignment; however, the new
13 bridge over SR 520 will be longer and wider than the existing bridge and provide wider
14 through lanes, shoulders, a center median, and additional turning lanes on Montlake
15 Boulevard over SR 520. This bridge will be integrated as part of the new Montlake lid over
16 SR 520.

17 Construction activities in this area will occur over about a 4-year period and will include
18 roadway reconstruction, excavation, retaining wall and abutment construction, and paving.
19 However, most of these construction activities will occur in upland areas, and with
20 implementation of best management practices (BMPs), are not expected to affect aquatic
21 habitat areas.

22 **Bascule Bridge**

23 Construction activities in the Montlake area also include constructing a new bascule bridge
24 over the Montlake Cut, east of the existing bascule bridge. This new bridge will be
25 approximately 60 feet wide, similar to the existing bridge. The two bridges will each operate
26 with three lanes: the existing bridge will serve southbound traffic with three lanes, and the
27 new bridge will serve northbound traffic with three lanes. In addition to the three travel lanes,
28 each bridge will have a bicycle lane and sidewalks.

29 The bridge construction activities will be staged from the shoreline, and except for the
30 temporary use of barges positioned in the Montlake Cut, no in-water construction activities
31 are expected. Upland construction activities will occur outside and east of the existing
32 Montlake Boulevard roadway and will consist of constructing upland pier supports to form
33 the foundation for the bridge superstructure. Upland pier construction will be isolated from
34 the water through the construction of cofferdams installed upland of the ordinary high water
35 mark (OHWM).

1 After the upland pier supports are completed, the bascule-leaf structural steel members will
2 be attached to the piers. A barge-mounted derrick will lift the bridge sections into position
3 while they are attached to the support structures.

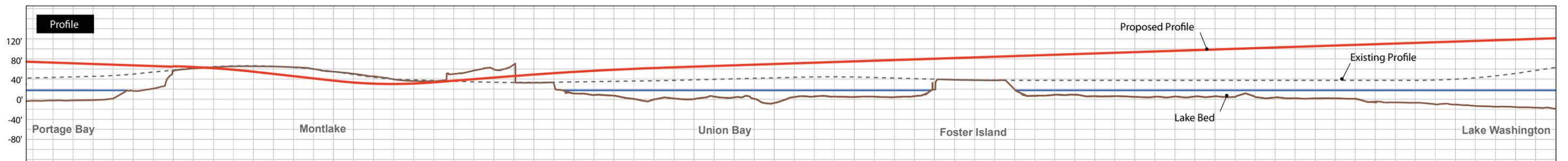
4 These on-water activities will likely require closing the Montlake Cut to boat traffic
5 periodically over a 3- to 4-week period, typically for less than 48 hours at a time. The
6 construction barges will be located in the Montlake Cut only during bridge assembly work.
7 Based on these closure requirements, it is likely that this work will be scheduled during the
8 winter months, when reduced boat traffic through the area is expected.

9 Construction of the bascule piers and the leaf spans is proposed to occur during the latter part
10 of 2017 and extend into 2018.

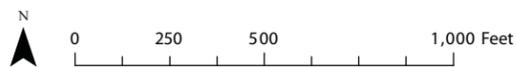
11 **2.1.4. Union Bay and West Approach Area**

12 The existing Union Bay Bridge and the west approach will be replaced by two new west
13 approach structures: an eastbound bridge and a westbound bridge with a gap between the
14 structures. The new west approach structures will be continuous fixed-span bridges
15 throughout their lengths. The west approach will begin in Montlake and extend through
16 Union Bay, across Foster Island, and into Lake Washington, terminating at the west
17 transition span and the beginning of the floating bridge (see Figure 2-3). The combined width
18 of the west approach structures will be wider than the existing bridge. A constructed wetland
19 for enhanced stormwater treatment will be built on the site occupied by the Museum of
20 History and Industry. Barges and the staging sites described above for the Montlake
21 interchange area will be used for construction staging. No construction staging will occur on
22 Foster Island outside of the construction easement. Construction will include a temporary
23 work bridge on Foster Island that will be removed after the permanent structure has been
24 completed.

25 Like the Portage Bay Bridge, substructure elements will include drilled shafts and concrete
26 support columns; however, no mudline footings are planned. The superstructure will consist
27 of precast-concrete girders (which will not require falsework) and the roadway deck. The
28 spans of the new bridges will be longer than those of the existing bridge (i.e., the pier bents
29 will be farther apart). The increase in span length will result in fewer in-water columns and
30 foundation shafts. Overall, the width of the new west approach will range between 252 feet
31 near Montlake and 112 feet at the west transition span, with a gap width ranging between
32 7 and 40 feet. The width of the existing west approach varies between 57 and 104 feet. The
33 height of the bridge over water will increase from a minimum of less than 3 feet to 11.6 feet
34 near Montlake and from 45 to 48 feet near the west transition span. The proposed structure
35 will have a constant grade, whereas the existing structure remains low from Montlake to east
36 of Foster Island.



- Column
- Existing Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Path
- Proposed Bicycle/Pedestrian Path
- General-Purpose Lane
- HOV, Direct Access, and/or Transit-Only Lane
- Westbound Managed Shoulder
- Stormwater Treatment Facility
- Lid
- Park



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Figure 2-3. Project Layout – Portage Bay to Lake Washington
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1 The construction elements include the following:

- 2 • 50,000 cubic yards of excavation
- 3 • 254 drilled shafts (233 in-water, with 46 extending above the lake bed, and 87
4 transition to columns at the mudline)
- 5 • 254 permanent concrete columns (233 in-water and 87 extending below the lake bed)
- 6 • 2,050 work bridge support piles
- 7 • 6-year construction duration, excluding mobilization and project closeout

8 The west approach substructure will consist of 42 pier bents: 39 in-water pier bents and an
9 additional 3 pier bents on Foster Island. Most span lengths will be 150 feet, although
10 spans #13 to #14 and #17 to #18 (on either side of Foster Island) will be 129 feet in length,
11 and span #41 (the easternmost span before the transition span) will be 160 feet in length.

12 The west approach pier bents will consist of drilled shafts with columns attached
13 directly to the shafts. No mudline footings or waterline shaft caps are proposed. Of the
14 254 10-foot-diameter shafts supporting the west approach, 233 will occur in the water. The
15 Union Bay section (between Montlake and Foster Island) will consist of 104 in-water shafts,
16 and the Lake Washington section (east of Foster Island) will consist of 129 in-water shafts.
17 The bridge superstructure will be supported by either 6-by-6-foot (piers #2 to #22) or 7.5-by-
18 7.5-foot (piers #23 to #42) square columns built on top of the drilled shafts. The westerly half
19 of the shaft-to-column connections will occur below the mudline. For the easterly 21 pier
20 bents (those in the deepest water), the drilled shafts will extend up through the water, and the
21 connection to the columns will be above the surface water elevation. The shafts and columns
22 combined will occupy approximately 13,000 square feet of substrate and in-water cross-
23 sectional area.

24 The west approach is expected to consist of precast girders with a cast-in-place deck. The
25 westbound structure will be 66 to 145 feet wide, while the eastbound approach structure will
26 be 47 to 108 feet wide (moving east to west). The majority of the westbound structure will
27 have a 66-foot deck width (approximately the easterly half-mile); however, as the span
28 approaches Foster Island (within 840 feet), the deck width will increase gradually to 145 feet
29 as it extends through Union Bay and makes landfall at the Lake Washington shoreline at
30 Montlake. Through Union Bay, the combined deck width will range from 200 to 233 feet.
31 The bottom of the bridge deck will range from 11 to 25 feet above the water in Union Bay,
32 and from 28 to 68 feet above the water between Foster Island and the west transition span.

33 The new west approach area bridges will require construction of work bridges on both the
34 north and south sides of the existing west approach structures and along the existing Lake

1 Washington Boulevard ramps. The construction work bridges will allow the new bridges to
2 be built in halves so that traffic flow will not be interrupted. These work bridges will be in
3 place for 3 to 5 years. Work bridges constructed adjacent to the Lake Washington Boulevard
4 on- and off-ramps will be in place for 2 years, to facilitate demolition of these existing ramps.

5 The northern portion of the new west approach will be constructed first, with traffic diverted
6 to this structure while the existing west approach bridge is demolished and construction of
7 the southern half of the new west approach begins. Construction activities in this area will
8 occur over a 5- to 6-year period.

9 Prior to construction of the west approach in its final configuration, WSDOT anticipates
10 constructing a new interim connection, four lanes wide and approximately 1,500 feet long,
11 between the new floating span and the existing west approach bridge. The interim connection
12 will be supported on columns that will later be used for the new west approach bridge
13 (eastbound structure) when it is constructed in a later phase. When the new west approach
14 bridge is constructed, the interim bridge deck will be removed and the columns heightened to
15 support the west approach bridge at its planned grade.

16 The interim connection structure will be a fixed-span bridge with substructure elements
17 including drilled shafts and concrete support columns; however, no mudline footings are
18 planned. The superstructure will consist of precast-concrete girders (which will not require
19 falsework) and the roadway deck.

20 The interim west approach substructure will consist of 12 pier bents: the westerly six pier
21 bents coinciding with the existing west approach piers (piers 25–30) and an additional six
22 pier bents that will be used later for the new west approach structure (piers 31–36). Span
23 lengths coinciding with the existing bridge will be 100 feet and the easterly six spans will be
24 150 feet in length.

25 The pier bents will consist of drilled shafts with columns attached directly to the shafts.
26 Drilled shafts will range between 6 and 8 feet, and columns between 3.5 and 5 feet in
27 diameter for piers 25–30. Piers 31–36 will consist of 10-foot-diameter shafts and
28 7.5-by-7.5-foot square columns built directly on top of the drilled shafts. The westerly six
29 shaft-to-column connections will occur below the mudline. For the easterly six pier bents, the
30 drilled shafts will extend up through the water, and the connection to the columns will be
31 above the surface water elevation. The shafts and columns combined will occupy
32 approximately 0.03 acre of substrate area. Of that, the temporary columns will occupy
33 0.01 acre of substrate area.

34 The interim west approach is expected to consist of precast girders with a cast-in-place deck.
35 The easterly half of the structure from the floating bridge to pier 30 will be approximately
36 57 feet wide. The structure will taper down from 49 feet wide from the point where the
37 interim structure joins the existing west approach (pier 30), to 11 feet wide at its western

1 terminus (pier 25). Total over-water cover resulting from the interim west approach structure
2 will be approximately 1.4 acres.

3 **2.1.5. Evergreen Point Floating Bridge Area**

4 The floating bridge will be replaced by an elevated roadway deck, supported by concrete
5 columns on a foundation of hollow concrete pontoons connected in series across the deepest
6 portion of Lake Washington. Figure 2-4 shows the alignment of the floating bridge and its
7 connections to the west and east approaches.

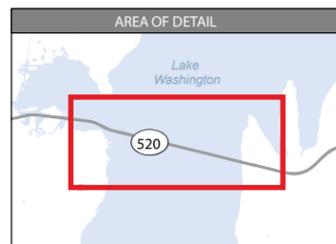
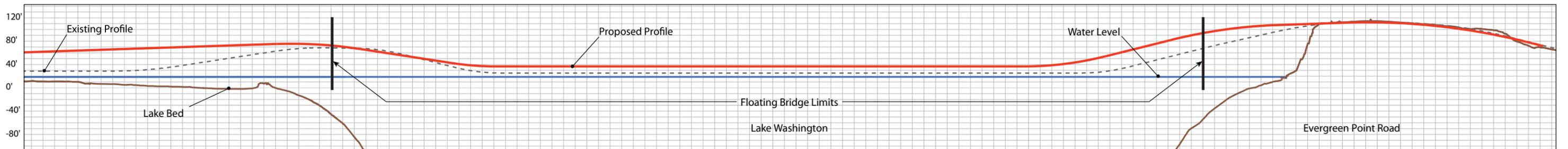
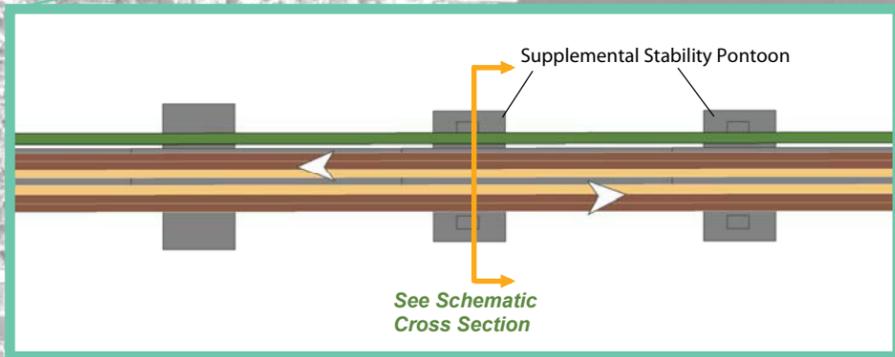
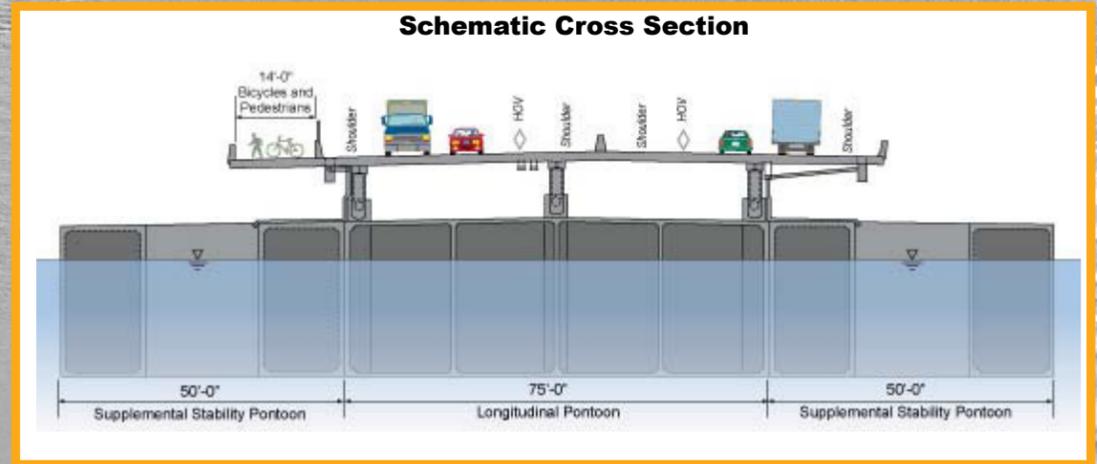
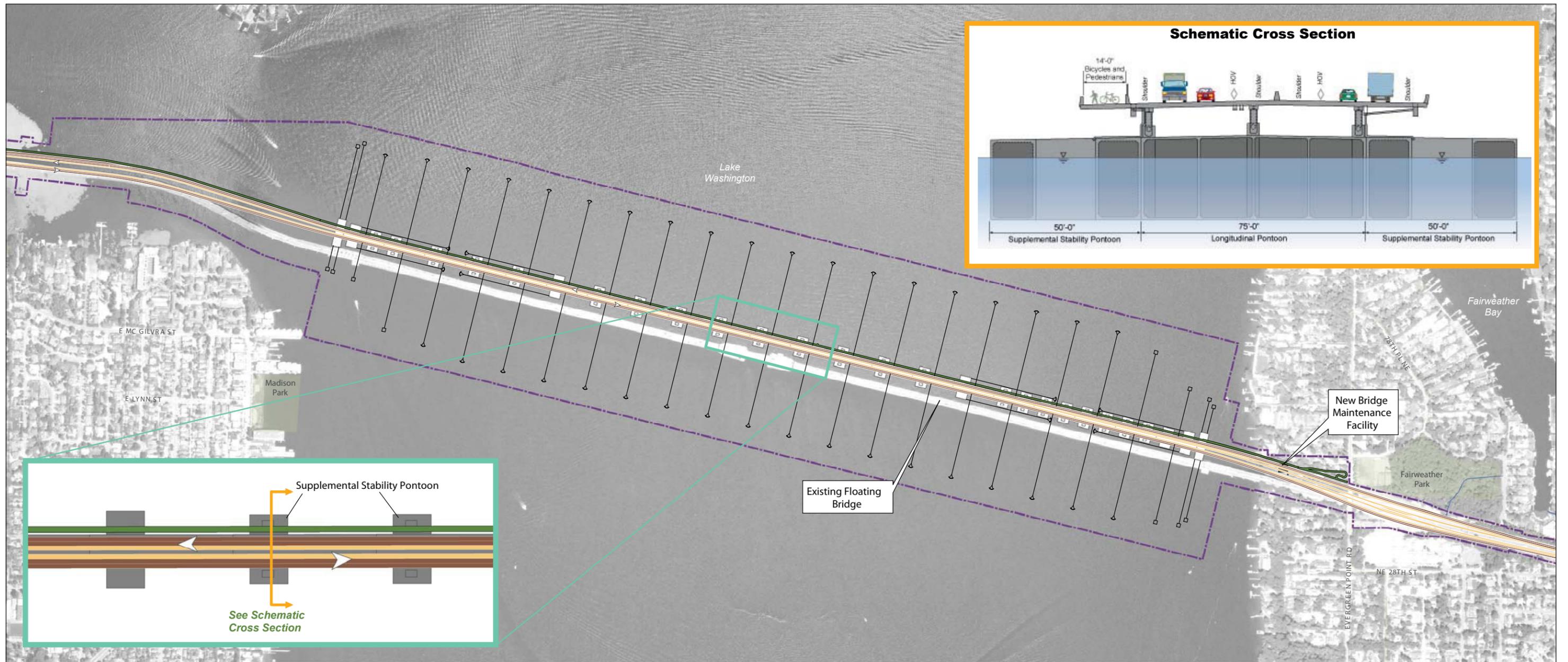
8 The new floating span will be located approximately 190 feet north of the existing bridge
9 (measured from centerline to centerline). The new floating bridge will consist of two 11-foot-
10 wide general purpose lanes in each direction and one 12-foot-wide HOV lane in each
11 direction, along with 4-foot-wide inside shoulders and 10-foot-wide outside shoulders. A
12 14-foot-wide bicycle and pedestrian path with several scenic vantage points and pullouts will
13 be located on the north side of the bridge. The project will eliminate the drawspan opening
14 on the Evergreen Point Bridge, but two navigation channels will be maintained, with a
15 maximum clearance height of 75 feet.

16 The foundation of the floating bridge will consist of a single row of 21 longitudinal pontoons
17 connected end to end, two cross pontoons (one at each end), and 54 supplemental stability
18 pontoons along the row of longitudinal pontoons (27 on each side). The longitudinal
19 pontoons will measure 360-feet-long by 75-feet-wide by 28.5-feet-vertically. The cross
20 pontoons will measure 240-feet-long by 75-feet-wide by 35-feet-vertically. The supplemental
21 stability pontoons will measure 98-feet-long by 50- to 60-feet-wide by 28.5-feet-vertically.
22 The overall length of the new floating span will be 7,710 feet, compared to the existing 7,580
23 feet. The new pontoons will have a deeper draft than the existing pontoons, typically ranging
24 from 21.5 to 27.5 feet below the surface of the water, compared to existing pontoons at 7 to
25 14.5 feet below the water surface. The number and size of the new pontoons will be larger
26 than the existing ones to provide the flotation needed for additional lanes, wider lanes, the
27 bicycle/pedestrian path, and shoulders.

28 As with the existing floating bridge, the floating pontoons for the new bridge will be
29 anchored to the lake bottom to hold the bridge in place. Anchor types are likely to consist of
30 fluke anchors for the deepest anchor locations (180 feet deep or more), gravity anchors for
31 shallower, sloped anchor locations (likely between 60 and 180 feet), and shaft anchors in the
32 shallowest locations (likely less than 60 feet). A total of 58 anchors are proposed: 45 fluke
33 anchors, 8 gravity anchors and 5 shaft anchors. Shaft anchors will be used in the shallower
34 waters (less than 60 feet) in the northeastern and southwestern corners of the floating
35 span layout.

1 The roadway will likely be supported above the pontoons by rows of three 10-foot-tall
2 concrete columns spaced 30 feet apart, transversely, at both ends of the bridge. These rows of
3 columns will be longitudinally spaced about 90 feet apart across the floating bridge. The
4 roadway of the new bridge will be approximately 10 – 12 feet higher than the existing bridge
5 and approximately 20 feet above the lake surface in the middle portion of the bridge.

6 Construction activities associated with pontoon installation will occur over an estimated
7 3-year period, beginning in the spring of 2012. The construction activities related to the
8 floating bridge do not involve pile driving, cofferdam installation, or other activities that
9 have the potential to substantially affect aquatic species; construction is not expected to be
10 limited to in-water construction windows. Therefore, the sequence of activities refers to the
11 calendar year as opposed to in-water work seasons.



- Anchor and Cable
- pontoons
- Limits of Construction
- Proposed Bicycle/Pedestrian Path
- General-Purpose Lane
- HOV, Direct Access, and/or Transit-Only Lane
- Park



Source: King County (2006) Aerial Photo, CH2M HILL (2008) GIS Data (Park). Horizontal datum for all layers is NAD83(91); vertical datum for layers is NAVD88.

Figure 2-4. **Project Layout – Floating Bridge and Approaches**
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1 **2.1.6. East Approach and Maintenance Facility Area**

2 WSDOT will replace the east approach span of the Evergreen Point Bridge with a new
3 structure that is both higher and wider, and the alignment will be shifted north. The new east
4 approach will consist of an eastbound and westbound structure with a gap in the middle. The
5 east approach will span the east end of the floating bridge to the high bluff along the Medina
6 shoreline. The east approach substructure will consist of spread footings, and four concrete
7 support columns. The superstructure will also consist of precast box girders and a cast-in-
8 place roadway deck. The combined width of the north and south structures will range from
9 134 to 152 feet, from west to east. The structure will be approximately 660 feet long and
10 range from 66 to 78 feet above the water surface.

11 The east approach will have two column piers. Pier #1 will be approximately 280 feet (or
12 less) out from the shoreline, and Pier #2 will be onshore, several feet from the shoreline.
13 Each pier foundation will consist of a spread footing constructed (Pier 1 within a cofferdam)
14 and two rectangular bridge columns. The spread footings would be buried approximately 8
15 to 10 feet below the mudline. As a result, the only permanent aquatic habitat impact of the
16 in-water pier would be the square footage of the two in-water columns, which amounts to
17 440 square feet. The two columns supporting the westbound lanes would be approximately
18 24 feet by 10 feet, and the two columns supporting the eastbound lanes would be slightly
19 smaller, measuring 20 feet by 10 feet. The completed superstructure will have an over-water
20 width of 83 and 51 feet (for the north and south bridges, respectively) at the west end, and
21 then widening to 91 and 61 feet (north and south, respectively) at the east end. The gap
22 between the bridges will gradually widen from 6 feet at the west end to 10 feet at the east
23 end. The bottom of the bridge deck will range from a low of approximately 70 feet above the
24 water at Pier #1 to 78 feet above the water at the midpoint of the adjacent (landward) span.
25 An existing stormwater treatment wetland will be modified to accommodate additional flow
26 from the increased area of impervious surface.

27 Construction of the new east approach span will be concurrent with the floating bridge
28 construction, over a 3-year period starting in 2012. Construction will take place from work
29 bridges and barges, as well as land-based and over-water staging areas. The south approach
30 structure will be constructed before the north approach structure, as portable formwork will
31 then switch from the south side to the north.

32 In an effort to reduce the number and extent of temporary work bridges adjacent to the east
33 approach structure, contractors will install and use an over-water staging area for pontoon
34 outfitting and assembly. The staging area will be located 100 feet north of the eastern most
35 pontoons of the new bridge alignment. This Eastside staging area eliminates the need to
36 construct a large temporary platform within the nearshore environment and instead uses the
37 pontoons as the work and staging surface. It is in a different location than the work bridges

1 and falsework, but is within the limits of construction defined in this mitigation plan and
2 associated updated permit applications.

3 The staging area would be located approximately 450 feet from the eastern shoreline of Lake
4 Washington. It would utilize six temporary pile anchor dolphins (each consisting of four 30-
5 inch diameter steel piles) and 10 temporary Danforth type anchors within the WSDOT right
6 of way to hold pontoons in place as they are being assembled and outfitted. The steel piles
7 used in the temporary pile anchor dolphins will be installed and removed with the same
8 techniques as work bridge piles, and would be located at approximately the same bathymetric
9 contour as the westernmost piling on the original WSDOT work trestle (described in the
10 Draft Aquatic Mitigation Plan and associated permit applications).

11 The Eastside staging area would replace the function of the original work bridge concept
12 (land to water access for equipment and employees). Both approaches recognize the
13 constraints of shallow water and the need for a land-lake interface on which to base the work.
14 However, the Eastside staging area accomplishes the same purpose with less nearshore
15 environmental impact (e.g. in-water structures, underwater noise, and substrate loss). By
16 eliminating the need for most of the originally proposed work bridge area, the Eastside
17 staging area reduces the number of piles and related impacts in the nearshore environment. It
18 also supports the use of precast components that will be delivered from offsite, thereby
19 eliminating the pile-supported falsework associated with cast-in-place techniques. With the
20 change, approximately 100 fewer piles are needed for construction and benthic substrate
21 displacement is reduced by approximately 400 square feet.

22 **Maintenance Facility**

23 A new bridge maintenance facility will be built at the same time as the east approach
24 structure. Permanent and temporary access roads, retaining walls, a building, and a dock will
25 be constructed while the east approach structure is being built. The facility will consist of a
26 15,000-square-foot, three-story maintenance building to house personnel and equipment, and
27 a parking facility constructed in the hillside under the proposed approach span, as well as a
28 working dock.

29 The proposed dock design will likely consist of a T-shaped (hammerhead) dock, with the
30 moorage platform extending no more than 100 feet perpendicular to the shoreline. The dock
31 stem will be approximately 10 feet wide, and the moorage platform may be as much as
32 14 feet wide. The total overwater area will be 1,546 square feet, including 320 square feet of
33 fish-friendly grated decking, allowing light to penetrate below the structure. Therefore the
34 overwater area contributing to shading is approximately 1,226 square feet. No creosote-
35 treated wood will be used in the construction of the dock. Two work boats, as large as 32 and
36 50 feet long, may be moored at the dock. The dock may be supported by ten columns (9 in-
37 water) measuring 2 feet in diameter. Three or four ladders will be mounted to the dock for
38 safety and to provide access to the boats. These ladders will extend into the water a short

1 distance. A fender system will be mounted to the dock to protect the boats and dock from
2 damage. Fender spacing will be approximately 3 feet on-center along the mooring area and
3 will extend approximately 5 feet below ordinary high water (OHW).

4 **2.1.7. Eastside Transition Area**

5 Once the east approach and floating portions of the Evergreen Point Bridge have been
6 replaced, grading and paving operations will occur east to Evergreen Point Road, and the
7 Evergreen Point Road transit stop will be relocated to the inside median (constructed as part
8 of the SR 520, Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project) at Evergreen Point
9 Road.

10 In order to make ramps and lanes connect for proper traffic operations, the SR 520 mainline
11 will be restriped, beginning at the east end of the physical improvements near Evergreen
12 Point Road and extending east to 92nd Avenue NE. Lane restriping is needed to tie into
13 improvements that are part of the SR 520, Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit and HOV
14 Project. This project activity will occur over a 3.5-year period starting in January 2012.

15 **2.1.8. Ancillary Project Features**

16 The project also includes ancillary features such as a regional bicycle and pedestrian path,
17 noise reduction measures, stormwater treatment facilities, and lighting. These features are
18 summarized below.

19 **Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Path**

20 The project includes a 14-foot-wide bicycle/pedestrian path along the north side of SR 520
21 through the Montlake area and across the Evergreen Point Bridge to the Eastside. On the
22 west side of the lake, the path will connect to the existing Bill Dawson Trail that crosses
23 underneath SR 520 near the eastern shore of Portage Bay. It will also connect to the
24 Montlake lid and East Montlake Park. On the east side of the lake, the path will connect to
25 the bicycle/pedestrian path built as part of the SR 520, Medina to SR 202: Eastside Transit
26 and HOV Project.

27 A new path beginning in East Montlake Park will connect to a proposed new trail in the
28 Washington Park Arboretum, creating a loop trail. The portion of the existing Arboretum
29 Waterfront Trail that crosses SR 520 at Foster Island will also be restored or replaced after
30 construction of the SR 520 west approach structure.

31 **Stormwater Treatment Facilities**

32 The project includes the installation of stormwater treatment facilities to collect and treat
33 stormwater runoff. Two facility types incorporating stormwater treatment methods approved
34 by Ecology have been identified for the project biofiltration swales and constructed
35 stormwater treatment wetlands. A portion of the land-based drainages associated with local

1 streets currently discharges to the Seattle combined sewer system and/or the King County
2 Metro combined sewer system. Those discharges are treated at the King County West Point
3 Treatment Plant.

4 **Lighting**

5 The project includes roadway lighting, pedestrian lighting, and lighting for the maintenance
6 facility dock. Roadway lighting will be limited to areas that constitute conflict points, such
7 as merge lanes. All lighting will be designed to minimize spillage onto adjacent aquatic
8 habitat.

9 **2.2 Construction Activities**

10 Project construction activities, sequencing, and scheduling within the project area have the
11 potential to affect aquatic habitat and fish resources. A list of the typical construction
12 activities and associated methods expected to be used for the proposed in-water, over-water,
13 and upland structures is provided below. These activities include the following:

- 14 • Staging area establishment
- 15 • Implementation of BMPs
- 16 • Site preparation activities
- 17 • Work bridge construction
- 18 • Pile driving
- 19 • Drilled shaft construction
- 20 • Cofferdam construction
- 21 • Waterline shaft cap construction
- 22 • Column/pier construction
- 23 • Fixed bridge superstructure construction
- 24 • Bascule bridge construction
- 25 • Anchor installation
- 26 • Pontoon assembly

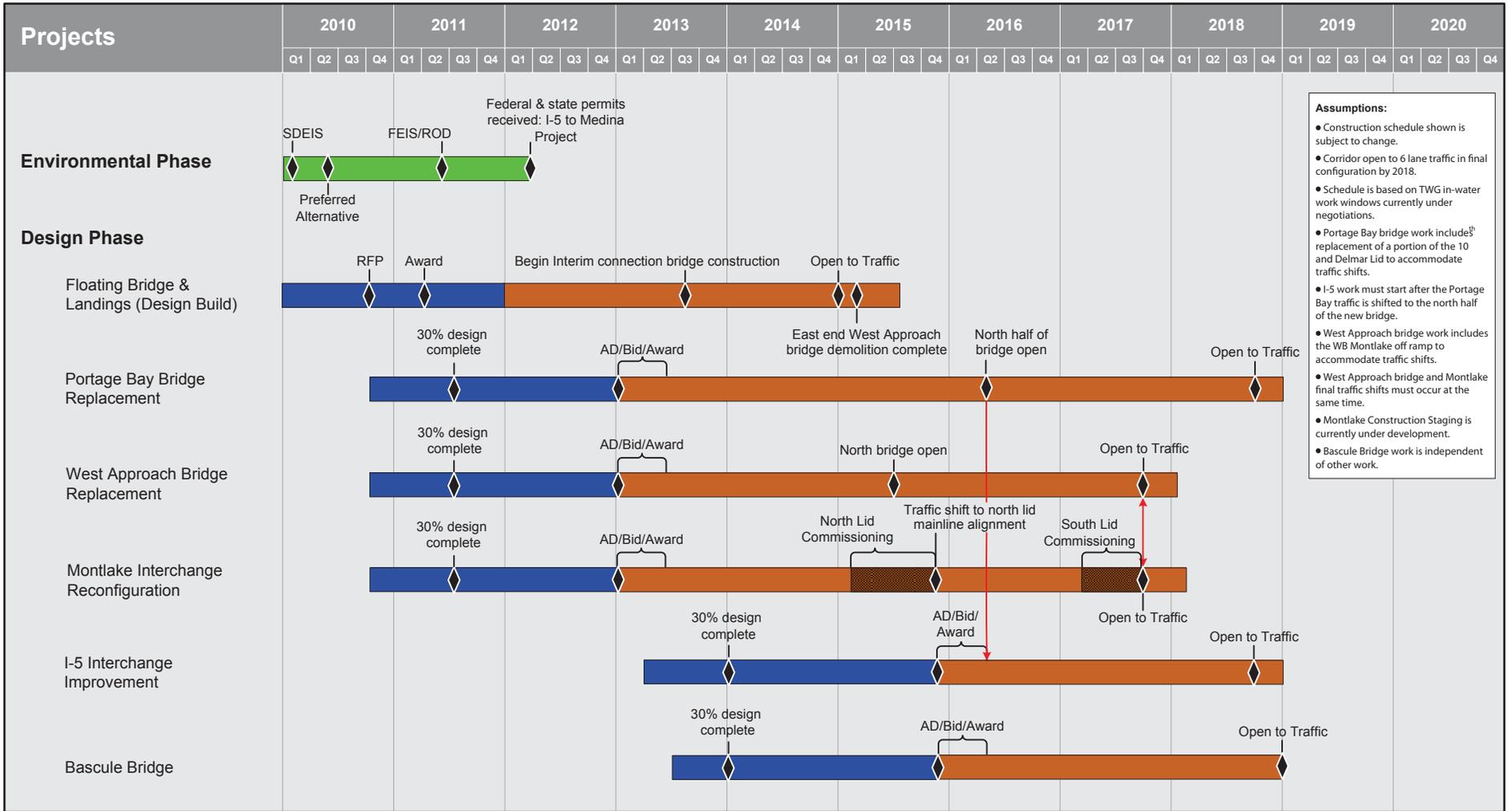
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- 1 • Floating bridge superstructure outfitting
- 2 • Bridge maintenance facility and dock construction
- 3 • Materials transport, handling, and storage
- 4 • Demolition
- 5 Modified construction activities that support final design include the following:
- 6 • Construction of a smaller workbridge
- 7 • Traveling formwork
- 8 • Over-water construction staging area
- 9 • Mooring dolphin installation
- 10 • Temporary concrete conveyance system and catwalk
- 11 • Spread footing construction
- 12 • Figure 2-5 shows a preliminary project construction schedule.

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- Design
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Figure 2-5. Project Delivery Schedule

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2.3 Project Operation

Operation and maintenance of the SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project will differ from the existing operation and maintenance and have the potential to result in changes to the Lake Washington environment. The following section characterizes the long-term operation of the new facility and potential mechanisms of effects on aquatic species and habitats.

2.3.1. Stormwater

Stormwater treatment for the project is constrained by urban geography and the characteristics of the bridges. Stormwater treatment includes using the combined sewer system, conventional treatment BMPs, and—in the case of the floating bridge portion of the project—an innovative stormwater treatment approach identified in an “all known, available, and reasonable technology” (AKART) study (WSDOT 2010c).

The SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project will result in 42.6 acres of new pollutant-generating impervious surface (PGIS) and will replace 25.7 acres of existing PGIS, while 21.4 acres of existing PGIS will remain on-site for a total PGIS of 89.7 acres after project construction. The amount of post-construction PGIS requiring treatment will be reduced by 6.3 acres due to two landscaped lids, which will reduce the amount of effective PGIS contributing flows to outfalls. All new and replaced PGIS will receive stormwater quality treatment; however, approximately 13.12 acres of existing PGIS within the project limits will not be treated after project construction. Areas not receiving post-construction treatment are primarily associated with restriping activities in the I-5 interchange. Project stormwater will be treated by facilities that will be designed based on requirements identified in WSDOT's 2008 *Highway Runoff Manual* (HRM) and *Hydraulics Manual* (WSDOT 2010f). New and replaced PGIS requires stormwater treatment to a basic level of treatment for Lake Union and Lake Washington. The project will also provide enhanced treatment to stormwater discharging to Lake Washington from SR 520 to further minimize any effects on the lake due to dissolved metals. The proposed stormwater facilities will use eight existing outfall locations; however, three outfalls will need to be rebuilt to accommodate increased flow rates. All outfalls will be located above the OHWM, typically discharging to ditches for stormwater conveyance to the lakes. Four outfalls will discharge to Lake Union (including Portage Bay) and four will discharge to Lake Washington. The floating span will discharge directly to Lake Washington through stormwater wells in the stability pontoons.

The project proposes to provide water quality treatment for new and replaced PGIS wherever practicable; however, in some areas where stormwater currently flows to the combined sewer system, flows will continue to be routed to the combined sewer system for treatment and discharge. Contributions to the combined storm and sewer systems will be treated by the West Point Wastewater Treatment Plant and discharged to Puget Sound. The project will

1 reduce the total area contributing to the combined sewer system by approximately 1.25 acres;
2 however, the amount of PGIS contributing to the combined sewer system will increase
3 slightly (0.27 acre) because of the conversion of existing surfaces to PGIS. WSDOT will
4 provide detention for stormwater entering the combined system where required by the Seattle
5 code. Since both Lake Washington and Lake Union are flow-exempt water bodies per
6 Ecology, no detention will be required on the separate stormwater system.

7 The existing project corridor has no stormwater treatment prior to discharges into Lake
8 Union, Lake Washington, or the combined sewer system. All proposed PGIS (new and
9 replaced) draining to both water bodies will receive basic or enhanced treatment. While
10 enhanced treatment is not required, WSDOT will provide for enhanced treatment where
11 practicable to improve water quality and reduce effects on aquatic life. When insufficient
12 space is available to provide enhanced treatment for a specific outfall, basic treatment will be
13 included in the stormwater treatment design. For this project, stormwater wetlands are the
14 proposed enhanced treatment BMP, and bioswales will be the BMPs used for basic
15 treatment. Oil control will be provided for roadway intersections with an average daily traffic
16 count greater than or equal to 15,000 vehicles, as prescribed by the HRM. Where existing
17 PGIS located within the project area will not be altered (disturbed) by the project, it will not
18 be redirected to a water quality facility.

19 The project will reduce the discharge concentrations of total suspended solids, and total and
20 dissolved zinc and copper. More importantly, the project will reduce the total loading of
21 these substances discharged into the receiving environment (Lake Washington and the Ship
22 Canal), including reductions in both dissolved copper and dissolved zinc loading (WSDOT
23 2010a). In addition, the current floating bridge drainage system is leaching high levels of
24 zinc, and the WSDOT (2005) stormwater monitoring report suggests that dissolved zinc may
25 decrease dramatically in some areas of Lake Washington as a result of the proposed project
26 because the drainage system of the new bridge will use materials constructed of alternative
27 materials. Overall, all stormwater discharges will comply with Clean Water Act standards
28 and will meet state water quality standards for the protection of aquatic life.

29 **2.3.2. Artificial Lighting**

30 Similar to the current roadway lighting configuration, continuous lighting will be provided
31 along the SR 520 corridor from I-5 to Foster Island and on the bascule bridge crossing the
32 Montlake Cut. Lighting is also proposed as part of four architectural elements, called
33 sentinels, located at the east and west highrises. A lantern will be located at the top of each
34 sentinel, and lights will progressively rise along the sentinel from the pontoon deck.
35 Lanterns will also be affixed in minor way-finding elements, located at each pontoon joint.
36 Light pollution from these features will be minimized through the use of uplighting.

1 The floating bridge will include six luminaires in the easternmost portion to illuminate a
2 transit merge point. Recessed lighting will illuminate the proposed bicycle and pedestrian
3 path along the west approach structure and the Evergreen Point Bridge. Lighting will be
4 designed to minimize effects on aquatic habitat, likely through the use of shielded downlights
5 similar to those on the I-90 floating bridges.

6 Artificial lighting currently illuminates the majority of the SR 520 corridor, including the
7 entire existing bridge structure. The proposed design will reduce the overall artificial lighting
8 for the replacement bridge. Artificial lighting from the roadway luminaires, pedestrian
9 walkway, vehicles, and the maintenance facility dock is discussed below.

10 **Roadway Lighting**

11 For the replacement structure, overhead lighting will be limited to traffic conflict points (e.g.,
12 add lanes, drop lanes, merges, diverges, auxiliary lanes, or weaving sections) and the
13 westernmost portion of the project between Foster Island and I-5. East of Foster Island, no
14 roadway lighting is proposed, thus reducing the amount of light reaching the water surface
15 compared to existing conditions.

16 Specifically, a continuous roadway illumination system will be installed from the I-5
17 interchange to Foster Island, including all major arterial streets within the construction limits.
18 To reduce the effects of lighting on the Lake Washington fish habitat, roadway illumination
19 will not be continuous in the section from where additional ramp lanes begin and end around
20 the Foster Island area, to where the Evergreen Point Flyer stop merges (westbound) into the
21 westbound HOV lane on the eastern portion of the floating span. This unlit section of the
22 proposed bridge generally encompasses the primary migration areas of juvenile Chinook
23 salmon (*Onchorhynchus tshawytscha*), located in the west approach area in the transition
24 area between Lake Washington and the Ship Canal (Fresh et al. 2001; City of Seattle and
25 USACE 2008; Celedonia et al. 2008b). However, a portion of the west approach span and a
26 portion of the floating span in the vicinity of the west navigation channel will have temporary
27 roadway illumination during interim traffic configurations. This interim lighting is expected
28 to be in place for approximately 18 months. The approximate number of lights on each
29 structure will be as follows:

- 1 • 12 lights on the Montlake bridges (6 existing)
- 2 • 18 lights on the Portage Bay Bridge (18 existing)
- 3 • 43 lights on the west approach bridge (52 existing)
- 4 • No lights on the floating bridge (44 existing)
- 5 • 6 lights on the east approach bridge (4 existing)

6 The existing roadway lighting on the floating bridge consists of WSDOT-standard cobra-
7 head, flat-glass, high-pressure sodium light fixtures with Type III, 250-watt medium cut-off
8 lights. These lights are staggered on both sides of the roadway at intervals of about 350 feet.
9 The lights are mounted 30 to 40 feet above the roadway, with the shorter light standards
10 occurring east of the center drawspan of the bridge. While the shorter lights are not shielded,
11 the taller light standards have shielded light fixtures. Existing nighttime light levels extend up
12 to 5 to 300 feet from the bridge near Portage Bay, and Foster Island has light levels measured
13 from 0.45 to 0.01 foot candles (WSDOT 2009a).

14 **Pedestrian Lighting**

15 Lighting for the shared use pedestrian and bicycle pathway will be mounted on the backside
16 of the traffic barriers to limit light pollution on the lake. The proposed design provides
17 lighting fixtures recessed into the concrete barrier that separates the vehicular lanes and the
18 pedestrian/bicycle path. Model predictions suggest that this design will prevent walkway
19 lighting from reaching the lake surface. The maximum light level simulated was 0.05 foot
20 candles.

21 **Maintenance Dock Lighting**

22 Lighting proposed for the maintenance dock beneath the east approach will have up to four
23 Class C dock luminaires, in addition to path lighting. Overhead lights will be on-demand and
24 will remain off except during dock use, while low-intensity path lighting will be on at all
25 times. Private aids to navigation will be provided as required.

26 **2.3.3. Maintenance Facility Operation**

27 The proposed maintenance facility will be located directly beneath the east approach, built
28 into the hillside along the Medina shoreline. The facility will consist of an upper-level
29 parking area with elevator and stair access to mid-level office and storage spaces, and lower
30 level work area and maintenance yard. The maintenance yard will open to a level terrace,
31 roughly at lake level for staff and materials access to a dock, and the maintenance vessel
32 moorage.

1 Several distinct operational elements are associated with the maintenance facility. In addition
2 to lighting, operational elements that have some potential to affect listed salmonids include
3 handling and transport of petrochemicals, and vessel moorage and operations.

4 **Handling and Transport of Petrochemicals**

5 Petrochemicals necessary for the operation and maintenance of the floating span will include
6 fuels, lubricants, and hydraulic fluids. Much of the handling of these materials will occur on
7 upland portions of the facility; however, fueling of the maintenance vessels and transport of
8 some of these materials to the pontoons will occur over water. Activities to limit risks
9 associated with material handling will include hazardous materials training for staff, use of
10 properly functioning and secure containment devices, and implementation of BMPs such as
11 drip pans and absorbent pads (refer to BMPs described in Section 5).

12 **Vessel Moorage and Operations**

13 The facility dock is expected to be used almost daily for mooring of maintenance vessels.
14 The large maintenance vessel is expected to be in the 40- to 50-foot-long range and powered
15 by an inboard diesel engine; the small maintenance vessel is expected to be in the 20- to 30-
16 foot-long range. The dock will extend approximately 100 feet perpendicular from the
17 shoreline, with boat moorage at the end in approximately 8 feet of water (relative to high lake
18 level—18.72 feet).

19 **2.3.4. Spill Control**

20 Currently, any spills that occur on the existing bridge drain directly into Lake Washington,
21 Union Bay, and Portage Bay if the quantities of spilled materials are large enough to reach
22 storm drains. The existing Montlake Bridge is grated, so any spills on this bridge flow
23 directly into the Montlake Cut. The replacement bridge over Lake Washington will discharge
24 these spills into the adjacent spill control lagoons within the supplemental stability pontoons,
25 allowing subsequent cleanup of floatable materials. Similarly, the replacement bridge
26 structures over the Montlake Cut, including Portage Bay and Union Bay, will collect and
27 route stormwater to treatment ponds in the Montlake area, before it is discharged to adjacent
28 water bodies.

29 **2.3.5. Traffic Noise and Vibration**

30 Vehicle traffic on the floating portion of the Evergreen Point Bridge produces noise and
31 vibration through movement of tires on the roadway. Although much of that sound is
32 deflected into the air, some of the noise is transmitted into and through the pontoons to Lake
33 Washington and, to a lesser extent, through the solid concrete support columns or anchor
34 cables.

35 The existing bridge likely transmits more of the traffic noise to the water than the proposed
36 replacement bridge will transmit, because the existing bridge's roadway sits directly on the

1 surface of the pontoons, while the replacement bridge deck will be constructed on columns
2 and trusses to elevate it above the pontoons. This design places the bridge deck typically
3 about 20 feet higher than the existing deck and about 10 feet above the pontoons. The new
4 design will provide reduced transmission of noise to the pontoons; however, the degree of the
5 reduction in noise level is unknown. Underwater noise monitoring during the SR 520 Test
6 Pile Program (Illingworth and Rodkin, Inc. 2010) did not detect measurable levels of noise in
7 the water obviously attributable to roadway noise from the existing 520 bridge.

3. Aquatic Habitat Baseline Conditions

The project is located in the Lake Washington watershed, which comprises 13 major drainage sub-basins and numerous smaller drainages, totaling about 656 miles (1,050 kilometers) of streams, two major lakes, and numerous smaller lakes. Lake Washington and its major drainages (Issaquah Creek, the Sammamish River, and the Cedar River) are located in the Cedar-Sammamish Watershed Basin, or Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8.

The majority of the watershed is highly developed, with 63% of the watershed fully developed; WRIA 8 has the highest human population of any WRIA in Washington State (NMFS 2008a). Lake Washington is the second largest natural lake in Washington with 80 miles (128 kilometers) of shoreline. The lake is approximately 20 miles long (32 kilometers) with a mean width of approximately 1.5 miles (2.4 kilometers), has a circumference of 50 miles (80 kilometers), covers 22,138 surface acres (8,960 hectares), and has a mean depth of approximately 100 feet (30 meters) and a maximum depth of approximately 200 feet (60 meters) (Jones and Stokes 2005).

3.1 Lake Washington Hydrology

The Lake Washington watershed has been dramatically altered from its pre-settlement conditions primarily due to urban development and removal of the surrounding forest, as well as the lowering of the lake elevation and rerouting of the outlet through the Ship Canal. As a result, the Cedar River is now the major source of fresh water to Lake Washington, providing about 50% (663 cubic feet per second [cfs]) of the mean annual flow entering the lake (NMFS 2008a). The Cedar River drainage area is approximately 184 square miles (476 square kilometers), which represents about 30% of the Lake Washington watershed area.

The Lake Sammamish basin is also a substantial source of fresh water, providing about 25% (307 cfs) of the mean freshwater flow into Lake Washington. The Sammamish sub-basin has a drainage area of about 240 square miles (622 square kilometers) and represents about 40% of the Lake Washington basin. Tributaries to the Sammamish River include Swamp, North, Bear, and Little Bear creeks, as well as the surface waters of Lake Sammamish. Hydrology in the Lake Sammamish sub-basin is generally affected by the same factors that affect Lake Washington.

The remainder of freshwater flow into Lake Washington originates from a variety of small creeks located primarily along the northern and eastern shores. These smaller tributaries and sub-basins in the Lake Washington system include Thornton, Taylor, McAleer, Forbes, Juanita, Kelsey, Coal, and May creeks, and Mercer Slough. Within Lake Washington, the natural hydrologic cycle has been altered. Historically, lake elevations peaked in winter and

1 declined in summer. Present operation of the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks (Ballard Locks)
2 produces peak elevations throughout most of the summer.

3 USACE is mandated by Congress (Public Law 74-409, August 30, 1935) to maintain the
4 level of Lake Washington between 20 and 22 feet (USACE 1919 datum) as measured at the
5 locks, which correlates to 16.72 and 18.72 feet NAVD 88 (the datum used by the project).
6 USACE operates this facility to systematically manage the water level in Lake Washington
7 over four distinct management periods, using various forecasts of water availability and use.
8 The four management periods are as follows:

- 9 • Spring refill – lake level increases to 22 feet between February 15 and May 1
10 (USACE datum).
- 11 • Summer conservation – lake level maintained at about 22 feet for as long as possible,
12 with involuntary drawdown typically beginning in late June or early July.
- 13 • Fall drawdown – lake level decreasing to about 20 feet from the onset of the fall rains
14 until December 1.
- 15 • Winter holding – lake level maintained at 20 feet between December 1 and
16 February 15.

17 Operation of the locks, and other habitat changes throughout the Lake Washington basin,
18 have substantially altered the frequency and magnitude of floods in Lake Washington and its
19 tributary rivers and streams. Historically, Lake Washington’s surface elevation was nearly
20 9 feet higher than it is today, and the seasonal fluctuations further increased that elevation by
21 an additional 7 feet annually (Williams 2000). In 1903, the average lake elevation was
22 recorded at approximately 32 feet (USACE datum) (NMFS 2008a).

23 **3.2 Lake Washington Shoreline Habitat**

24 Lowering the lake elevation after completion of the Ship Canal in 1917 transformed about
25 1,334 acres (540 hectares) of shallow water habitat into upland areas, reducing the lake
26 surface area by 7% and decreasing the shoreline length by about 13% (10.5 miles or 16.9
27 kilometers) (Chrzastowski 1983). The most extensive changes occurred in the sloughs,
28 tributary delta areas, and shallow portions of the lake. The area of freshwater marshes
29 decreased about 93%, from about 1,136 acres (460 hectares) to about 74 acres (30 hectares)
30 (Chrzastowski 1983). The vast majority of existing wetlands and riparian habitat currently
31 associated with Lake Washington, developed after the lake elevation was lowered 9 feet.
32 Currently, this habitat occurs primarily in Union Bay, Portage Bay, Juanita Bay, and Mercer
33 Slough (Dillon et al. 2000).

1 Lake level regulation by USACE has eliminated the seasonal inundation of the shoreline that
2 historically shaped the structure of the riparian vegetation community. Winter lake
3 drawdowns expose the roots of riparian vegetation in the drawdown zone to winter
4 temperatures (rather than being protected by the standing water during this dormant period).
5 This, in turn, produces a vegetation-free zone between the high and low lake levels (2 feet
6 vertically, with variable horizontal distance depending on shoreline slope). Lake level
7 regulation and urban development have replaced much of the hardstem bulrush- and willow-
8 dominated community with developed shorelines and landscaped yards, and this affects the
9 growth of many species of native terrestrial and emergent vegetation. In addition, lake level
10 regulation indirectly buffers the shorelines from potential winter storm wave effects. The loss
11 of natural shoreline has also reduced the historic complex shoreline features such as
12 overhanging and emergent vegetation, woody debris (especially fallen trees with branches
13 and/or rootwads intact), and gravel/cobble beaches. The loss of native shoreline vegetation
14 and wetlands has reduced the input of terrestrial detritus and insects that support the aquatic
15 food web.

16 These natural shoreline features have been largely replaced with armored banks, piers, and
17 floats, and limited riparian vegetation. A survey of 1991 aerial photos estimated that 4% of
18 the shallow water habitat within 100 feet (30.5 m) of the shore was covered by residential
19 piers (ignoring coverage by commercial structures and vessels) (USFWS 2008). Later studies
20 report about 2,700 docks in Lake Washington as well as armoring of more than about 80% of
21 the shoreline (Warner and Fresh 1998; City of Seattle 2000; Toft 2001; DNR 2010).

22 An even greater density of docks and shoreline modifications occurs throughout the Ship
23 Canal, Portage Bay, and Lake Union (City of Seattle 1999; Weitkamp et al. 2000). Areas that
24 have some amount of undeveloped shoreline include Gas Works Park, the area south of SR
25 520 (in Lake Union and Portage Bay), and a protected cove west of Navy Pier at the south
26 end of Lake Union. Vegetation within these areas is limited, with the area south of SR 520
27 possessing the highest abundance of natural riparian vegetation, consisting primarily of
28 cattails (*Typha* spp.) and small trees (Weitkamp et al. 2000). The loss of complex habitat
29 features (i.e., woody debris, overhanging riparian and emergent vegetation) and shallow
30 water habitat in Lake Washington has reduced the availability of prey refuge habitat and
31 forage for juvenile salmonids. Dense growths of introduced Eurasian milfoil and other
32 aquatic macrophytes effectively isolate much of the more natural shoreline from the deeper
33 portions of the aquatic habitat.

34 Portage Bay is lined by University of Washington facilities, commercial facilities, and
35 houseboats. The southeastern portion of Portage Bay has an area of freshwater marsh habitat
36 and naturally sloped shoreline, while the remainder of the shoreline is developed, with little
37 natural riparian vegetation. The Montlake Cut is a concrete-banked canal that connects
38 Portage Bay to Union Bay, which extends eastward to Webster Point and the main body of
39 Lake Washington.

1 Prior to construction of the Ship Canal, Union Bay consisted of open water and natural
2 shorelines extending north to 45th Street. The lowered lake levels resulting from the Ship
3 Canal construction produced extensive marsh areas around Union Bay, with substantial
4 portions of this marsh habitat subsequently filled, leaving only the fringe marsh on the
5 southern end (Jones and Jones 1975). The south side of the bay is bordered by the
6 Arboretum, with a network of smaller embayments and canals, and extensive marsh habitats.
7 The north side of Union Bay contains a marshy area owned by the University of Washington;
8 the area was previously filled with landfill material. Numerous private residences with
9 landscaped waterfronts and dock facilities dominate the remainder of the shoreline.

10 Development and urbanization have also altered base flow in many of the tributary systems
11 (Horner and May 1998). Increases in impervious and semi-impervious surfaces add to runoff
12 during storms and reduce infiltration and groundwater discharge into streams and rivers. A
13 substantial amount of surface water and groundwater is also diverted into the City of Seattle
14 and King County wastewater treatment systems and is eventually discharged to Puget Sound.

15 Although the frequency and magnitude of flooding in the lake and the lower reaches of
16 tributary streams have declined due to the operation of the locks, flooding has generally
17 increased in the upstream reaches of tributary rivers and streams. This change is largely
18 because of the extensive development that has occurred within the basin over the last several
19 decades (Moscrip and Montgomery 1997).

20 No measurable changes in shoreline habitat condition are expected to occur in the near
21 future, although gradual changes (both positive and negative) are likely to occur. Therefore,
22 the existing degraded habitat in the greater Lake Washington watershed is expected to
23 continue to affect salmonid species in the watershed for the foreseeable future.

24 **3.3 Lake Washington Water Quality**

25 The water quality and sediment quality in the Lake Washington basin are degraded as a result
26 of a variety of current and historic point and non-point pollution sources. Historically, Lake
27 Washington, Lake Union, and the Ship Canal were the receiving waters for municipal
28 sewage, with numerous shoreline area outfalls that discharged untreated or only partially
29 treated sewage directly into these waterways. Cleanup efforts in the 1960s and 1970s
30 included expanding the area's wastewater treatment facilities and eliminating most untreated
31 effluent discharges into Lake Washington. Although raw sewage can no longer be discharged
32 directly into Lake Washington waters, untreated, contaminated flows in the form of
33 combined sewer overflows occasionally enter these waterways during periods of high
34 precipitation (NMFS 2008b). For example, a recent incident resulted in the accidental
35 discharge of an estimated 6.4 million gallons of sewage into Ravenna Creek, which
36 discharges into Union Bay (King County 2008). However, CSO events tend to occur during

1 high stormwater flow when the composition of water in the system is approximately 90%
2 stormwater.

3 In addition to point source pollution, a variety of non-point sources continue to contribute to
4 the degradation of water and sediment quality. Non-point sources include stormwater and
5 subsurface runoff containing pollutants from road runoff, failing septic systems, underground
6 petroleum storage tanks, gravel pits/quarries, landfills and solid waste management facilities,
7 sites with improper hazardous waste storage, and commercial and residential sites treated
8 with fertilizers and pesticides.

9 Historical industrial uses in the basin, such as those around Lake Union and southern Lake
10 Washington, Newcastle, Kirkland, and Kenmore, have contaminated sediments with
11 persistent toxins; these toxins include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs),
12 polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and heavy metals (King County 1995). The expanding
13 urbanization in the basin has also increased sediment input into the Lake Washington system
14 water bodies.

15 Along with the physical changes to the Lake Washington basin, substantial biological
16 changes have occurred. Non-native plant species have been introduced into Lake
17 Washington, and years of sewage discharge into the lake increased phosphorus concentration
18 and subsequently led to extensive eutrophication. Blue-green algae dominated the
19 phytoplankton community and suppressed production of zooplankton, reducing the available
20 prey for salmonids and other species. However, water quality improved dramatically in the
21 mid 1960s as sewage was diverted from Lake Washington to Puget Sound; at this time,
22 dominance by blue-green algae subsided and zooplankton populations rebounded.

23 The Ship Canal and Lake Union are listed on the Ecology 303(d) list of impaired water
24 bodies for exceeding water quality criteria for total phosphorous, lead, fecal coliform, and
25 aldrin (Ecology 2008). In addition, portions of Lake Washington are listed on the 303(d) list
26 for exceeding water quality criteria for fecal coliform, as well as the tissue quality criteria for
27 2,3,7,8 TCDD (dioxin), PCBs, total chlordane, 4,4' DDD (metabolite of DDT) and 4, 4'
28 DDE (breakdown product of DDT) in various fish species (Ecology 2008). Therefore, the
29 overall water quality conditions in the project vicinity are degraded compared to historical
30 conditions.

31 **3.3.1. Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature Conditions**

32 Despite reversing the eutrophication trend in the lake, the introduction of Eurasian milfoil to
33 Lake Washington in the 1970s caused additional localized aquatic habitat and water quality
34 problems. Milfoil and other aquatic vegetation dominate much of the shallow shoreline
35 habitat of Lake Washington, Lake Sammamish, Lake Union, Portage Bay, and the Ship
36 Canal. Dense communities of aquatic vegetation, or floating mats of detached plants, can
37 adversely affect localized water quality conditions. Dense communities can reduce dissolved

1 oxygen (DO) to below 5 ppm (parts per million), and the decomposition of dead plant
2 material increases the biological oxygen demand, further reducing DO and pH (DNR 1999).
3 Under extreme conditions, these localized areas can become anoxic.

4 In addition to the substantial modification aquatic vegetation has made to habitat in the water
5 column, excessive accumulation and decomposition of organic material has overlain areas of
6 natural sand or gravel substrate with fine muck and mud. Substantial shoreline areas of Lake
7 Washington, the Ship Canal, and the project vicinity have soft substrate, with substantial
8 accumulations of organic material from the decomposition of milfoil and other macrophytes.
9 The dense vegetation also reduces the currents and wave energy in these areas, which
10 encourages the accumulation of fine sediment material. As microorganisms in the sediment
11 break down the organic material, they consume much of the oxygen in the lower part of the
12 lake. By the end of summer, concentrations of DO in the hypolimnion (the lowest water layer
13 in the lake) can be reduced to nearly 0.0 milligrams per liter (mg/L). Despite these effects in
14 some shallow nearshore habitats, mean hypolimnetic DO levels recorded at long-term
15 monitoring sites in the lake between 1993 and 2001 ranged from 7.7 to 8.9 mg/L (King
16 County 2003). However, it should be noted that water depths in the hypolimnion extend well
17 below the photic zone, to more than 200 feet. Also, the portions of the hypolimnion closer to
18 the shoreline, which show the lowest DO concentrations, support outmigrating and rearing
19 juvenile salmonids to a greater degree than do deep water habitats.

20 The thermal stratification of Lake Washington and Lake Union can produce surface
21 temperatures in excess of 68°F (20°C) for extended periods during the summer. In addition,
22 there is a long-term trend of increasing summer and early fall water temperatures (Goetz et
23 al. 2006; Newell and Quinn 2005; Quinn et al. 2002; King County 2007). From 1932 to
24 2000, there was a significant increase in mean August water temperature from about 66° to
25 70° Fahrenheit (F) (19° to 21° Celsius [C]) at a depth of 15 feet (Shared Strategy 2007). If
26 this trend continues, surface water temperatures could exceed the lethal threshold (22° to 25°
27 C) for returning adult salmon in some years.

28 **3.3.2. Lake Washington Ship Canal**

29 Saltwater intrusion occurs in the Ship Canal above the locks, but very little of the deeper,
30 heavier salt water mixes with the lighter freshwater surface layer. Consequently, this area
31 lacks the diversity of habitats and brackish water refuges characteristic of most other
32 (unaltered) river estuaries. Usually, this saltwater intrusion extends to the east end of Lake
33 Union, but can extend as far as the University Bridge in an extremely dry summer. The
34 extent of this intrusion into the Ship Canal and into Lake Union is primarily controlled by
35 outflow at the locks and the frequency of large and small lock operations.

36 Historical data indicate that reduced mixing of the water column due to the saltwater layer
37 likely produced year-round anaerobic conditions in the deeper areas of Lake Union and the

1 Ship Canal (Shared Strategy 2007). The lack of mixing, along with a significant oxygen
2 sediment demand, can reduce dissolved oxygen levels to less than 1 mg/L, and could prevent
3 fish from using the water column below a 33 foot (10-meter) depth. This condition was likely
4 more severe before about 1966, when a saltwater barrier was constructed at the locks, thereby
5 improving water quality conditions upstream. Water quality in Lake Union has also
6 improved since the 1960s because of the reduction in direct discharges of raw sewage and the
7 closure of the Seattle Gas Light Company gasification plant, along with the upland cleanup
8 activities at the gas plant and other industrial sites. However, Lake Union still experiences
9 periods of anaerobic conditions that typically begin in June and can last until October
10 (Shared Strategy 2007).

11 Adult fish returning through the Ship Canal and project area contend with anoxic conditions
12 in the deeper water column from July through October (King County 2009). High
13 temperatures in the upper layer generally restrict adult salmonid distribution, including
14 Chinook salmon, to depths below 5 to 10 meters, while anoxic conditions below depths of 50
15 to 65 feet (15 to 20 meters) prevent Chinook use, thus concentrating them in the relatively
16 narrow [16 to 32 feet (5 to 10 meters)] middle portion of the water column. These physical
17 restrictions can also affect juvenile outmigrants, limiting foraging opportunities and exposing
18 juvenile fish to predators occupying habitat in the metalimnion.

19 **3.4 Fish and Aquatic Resources in Lake Washington and the Ship** 20 **Canal**

21 A diverse group of native and non-native fish species inhabit the Lake Washington
22 watershed, including several species of native salmon and trout such as Chinook
23 (*Onchorhynchus tshawytscha*), coho (*O. kisutch*), and sockeye (*O. nerka*) salmon; and
24 steelhead (*O. mykiss*), rainbow (*O. mykiss irideus*), and cutthroat trout (*O. clarki clarki*).
25 Most of these species are likely to occur at least occasionally in the project vicinity. The
26 following section describes the various species of salmonids (the primary species of concern
27 for compensatory mitigation) in the project area, and pertinent information on their habitat
28 requirements and life history trajectories. In addition, information is presented on fish
29 species that are significant predators on salmonids in Lake Washington, including bass and
30 northern pikeminnow.

31 **3.4.1. Salmonid Species and Life Histories**

32 Salmonids in the Lake Washington watershed are a mix of native and non-native species, and
33 sometimes a single species can include both native and non-native stocks. For example,
34 recent evidence for sockeye indicates that the Cedar River and Issaquah Creek spawners are
35 likely descendents of introduced fish (Baker Lake stock), while those spawning in Bear
36 Creek may be native fish (Hendry et al. 1996). Man-made changes to the historical drainage
37 patterns in the Lake Washington basin— such as the connection of the Cedar River,

1 disconnection of the Black River, and creation of the Ship Canal—have had a significant
2 effect on salmonid populations, including species distribution, within the Lake Washington
3 system.

4 **Chinook Salmon**

5 Small numbers of Chinook fry begin migrating into Lake Washington from the Cedar River
6 in January, while most Chinook fry enter the lake in mid-May. Initially, the Cedar River
7 Chinook fry tend to concentrate in the littoral zone at the south end of Lake Washington
8 between February and mid-May until they grow large enough to move offshore (Fresh 2000;
9 Tabor et al. 2004a; Tabor et al. 2006). Therefore, the lakeshore area near the Cedar River
10 mouth appears to be an important nursery area for juvenile Chinook salmon. Tabor et al.
11 (2004a) found that the mean abundance of juvenile Chinook from February through May was
12 positively related to proximity to the Cedar River mouth, but there was no difference by
13 June. Juveniles migrate away from the Cedar River mouth and along the Lake Washington
14 shorelines as they grow.

15 After entering the lake, the juvenile Chinook salmon rear in the shallow littoral zone (1 to
16 2 feet deep) as they gradually migrate to Union Bay and the Ship Canal. Juvenile Chinook
17 salmon tend to prefer gradually sloping, sand-silt substrate habitat less than 1.6 feet deep
18 (Tabor et al. 2006). They also congregate at the mouths of small tributary streams, possibly
19 attracted by flow, shallow-water depths, benthic invertebrate or terrestrial insect food
20 sources, fine particle substrate accumulated at the stream delta fans, or by some combination
21 of these factors (Shared Strategy 2007). Juvenile Chinook salmon tend to increase their use
22 of deeper-water habitat areas as they get larger, likely as a response to prey availability,
23 reduced predation risks, and possibly more favorable water temperature conditions (Warner
24 and Fresh 1998; Celedonia et al. 2008a).

25 Chinook fry typically rear in the lake from 1 to 4 months before migrating through the Ship
26 Canal to Puget Sound (Seiler et al. 2004; Tabor et al. 2006). The larger fingerlings enter the
27 lake between mid-May and June after spending up to 6 months rearing in the rivers and
28 streams. Little information is available on the timing of north Lake Washington Chinook in
29 the project vicinity.

30 Recent observations in the Ship Canal show that young Chinook salmon tend to be relatively
31 uniformly distributed over a range of depths in this area (Celedonia et al. 2008b). Smaller
32 juvenile Chinook salmon appear to prefer shallow areas with over-water cover, particularly
33 during the day (Tabor et al. 2006), but tend to avoid overhead cover areas as they grow
34 (Tabor et al. 2004a). While riparian vegetation tends to be the preferred over-water cover
35 habitat, docks and piers are sometimes used as substitute cover, particularly during the day
36 (Tabor and Piaskowski 2002). The large number of piers and docks lining the Lake
37 Washington shoreline is expected to substantially affect the natural behavior of juvenile
38 Chinook salmon and other salmonids rearing and migrating through the lake.

1 Celedonia et al. (2008b) determined that the response of juvenile Chinook salmon to the
2 existing Evergreen Point Bridge was at least partially dependent on whether they were
3 actively migrating or holding (remaining in one area). About two-thirds of actively migrating
4 smolts appeared delayed by the bridge, while the remaining smolts appeared negligibly
5 affected by the bridge. Delayed fish varied widely in the time of delay and distance traveled
6 during delay. Nearly half (45%) of the delayed smolts took less than 3 minutes to pass
7 beneath the bridge after the initial encounter, travelling less than 33 meters along the edge of
8 the bridge during this time. Conversely, many smolts that exhibited holding behavior
9 characteristics, as opposed to active migration behavior, appeared to selectively choose to
10 reside in areas near the bridge for prolonged periods. This behavior was distinctly different
11 from the apparent bridge-induced delay observed in some actively migrating smolts. Holding
12 fish often crossed beneath the bridge to the north and were later observed returning to and
13 holding in areas immediately adjacent to the bridge's southern edge (less than 20 meters from
14 the edge of the bridge). The bridge did not appear to be a factor in delaying the migration of
15 fish that displayed holding behavior prior to continuing their outmigration.

16 Artificial lighting associated with the proposed roadway and bridge also has the potential to
17 affect the distribution and behavior of fish, depending on its intensity and proximity to the
18 water. Adaptations and responses to light are not universal for all species of fish—some
19 predatory fish are adapted for hunting in low light intensities, while others are attracted to
20 higher light intensities; some species school and move toward light sources (Machesan et al.
21 2005).

22 Based on Lake Washington tagging data, Celedonia et al. (2009) indicate that juvenile
23 Chinook salmon are attracted to areas where street lamps on the existing Evergreen Point
24 Bridge cast light onto the water surface, suggesting that bridge lighting is at least partially
25 responsible for the nighttime selection of near-bridge areas by Chinook salmon. It has been
26 conjectured that the illuminated areas may allow juvenile Chinook salmon an opportunity to
27 forage throughout the night when under normal, low light conditions they would normally
28 stop feeding.

29 Each year, adult Chinook salmon pass through the Ship Canal and Lake Union from the end
30 of July through the beginning of September (City of Seattle and USACE 2008). The total
31 time of adult Chinook salmon migration from the Ballard Locks to arrival at tributary
32 spawning grounds can take up to 55 days, but averages less than 30 days (Fresh et al. 2000).
33 In general, migration time, both through the Ship Canal and to spawning grounds, decreases
34 as the season progresses and could reflect maturation level of the fish.

35 Once Chinook leave the locks, most fish move through the Ship Canal in less than 1 day
36 (varying from 4 hours to 7.7 days) (Fresh et al. 1999; Fresh 2000). Adult Chinook salmon
37 may enter Lake Washington several days before moving into rivers for spawning, with the
38 average time spent by adult Chinook in Lake Washington around 3 days for Cedar River fish

1 and 5 days for Sammamish watershed fish (Fresh et al. 1999). Due to the short time most
2 Chinook adults spend in the lake and the Ship Canal, the modified habitat in these areas may
3 have a limited effect on returning adults, although the relatively short time spent in the lake
4 may be related to the long-term trend of increasing late summer water temperatures.

5 Acoustic and temperature tags on adult Chinook salmon show that these fish inhabit lake
6 waters ranging from 48° to 70° F (9° to 21° C) (F. Goetz in City of Seattle and USACE 2008).
7 The adult Chinook do not seem to seek out cool waters, but will hold near the mouths of the
8 Cedar and Sammamish rivers in warm, shallow waters.

9 **Steelhead**

10 Juvenile steelhead migrating out of the Lake Washington watershed will pass through the
11 project area. No information is available that identifies the project area as a location
12 specifically used by juvenile steelhead for rearing. Juvenile steelhead rear in fresh water,
13 including the lake, for several years before migrating to Puget Sound; therefore, they are
14 expected to be less dependent on the shallow nearshore habitat in the lake than are the
15 smaller Chinook salmon fry.

16 Adult steelhead pass through the Ballard Locks to Lake Washington between December and
17 early May (WDFW et al. 1993). Spawning occurs throughout the Lake Washington basin,
18 including the lower Cedar River, the Sammamish River and its tributaries, and several
19 smaller Lake Washington tributaries (WDFW 2006). Steelhead spawn primarily in the main
20 stem Cedar River from March through early June (Burton and Little 1997), although there
21 are historical records of steelhead spawning in Cedar River tributaries such as Rock Creek.

22 **Bull Trout**

23 Little is known about the historical distribution and abundance of bull trout in the Lake
24 Washington system. A 1-year survey in the Lake Sammamish basin during 1982 and 1983
25 reported no char (a subset of the salmonids that includes bull trout and Dolly Varden)
26 (WDFW 1998). While bull trout occasionally occur in Lake Washington, there are no
27 indications of an adfluvial population (i.e., lake residents that migrate up streams to spawn)
28 in the lake, and bull trout are not expected to occur in the surface waters of Lake Washington
29 during the summer when water temperatures typically exceed 59°F (15°C) for several
30 months. Therefore, the apparent remnant anadromous population likely uses the lake
31 primarily as a migration route to marine waters for foraging and rearing.

32 Although bull trout may occasionally occur in the project area, there is no known regular
33 occurrence of bull trout in the lake. There have been only a few reports of bull trout and
34 Dolly Varden in the entire Lake Washington watershed. Some bull trout are believed to enter
35 the Lake Washington system from the isolated population above the Chester Morse Dam.
36 No bull trout observations have been documented between October and December, likely
37 because the fish are presumed to be on or near their spawning grounds during this time.

1 Several large native char (approximately 410 millimeters long) have been observed passing
2 through the viewing chamber at the Ballard Locks, but only one was identified as bull trout
3 (Bradbury and Pfeifer 1992; USFWS 1998). Bull trout were caught in Shilshole Bay and the
4 Ballard Locks during late spring and early summer in both 2000 and 2001, with up to eight
5 adult and subadult fish caught in Shilshole Bay below the locks between May and July in
6 2000. In 2001, five adult bull trout were captured in areas within and immediately below the
7 Ballard Locks. One bull trout was captured within the large locks and one in the fish ladder,
8 as well as three adult bull trout captured below the tailrace during the peak of juvenile
9 salmon migration in mid-June (USFWS 2008). Observations of bull trout near the Ballard
10 Locks suggest migration of bull trout from other core areas to Lake Washington.

11 Anadromous adult and subadult bull trout likely occur in the project area throughout the year,
12 most likely in spring and early summer during outmigration of juveniles. This observation is
13 based on bull trout captured at the Ballard Locks and the Ship Canal between May and July.
14 Bull trout likely use the project area for either foraging or migrating through the area to other
15 marine or estuarine foraging habitats. Bull trout in the project area likely originate from the
16 core areas of the Stillaguamish, Snohomish-Skykomish, and Puyallup rivers.

17 **Sockeye**

18 Juvenile sockeye salmon commonly rear in the open-water habitat of the lake for a year
19 before migrating to salt water, including the area along the floating portion of the
20 Evergreen Point Bridge, although juvenile sockeye salmon use of Lake Washington varies.
21 Smaller sockeye fry first entering the lake may inhabit shallow water areas such as river
22 deltas at night (City of Seattle and USACE 2008) or other parts of the littoral zone (Martz et
23 al. 1996), although the amount of time fry are present in this area is unknown. In general,
24 sockeye fry travel in schools in limnetic areas (open-water areas of the lake away from shore)
25 and are located below 66 feet in depth during the daytime, then ascend to shallower waters at
26 dusk to feed during the night (Eggers et al. 1978). This diurnal difference in depth can be up
27 to 43 feet. During summer lake stratification, sockeye are confined to deeper, cooler waters
28 because during this period, sockeye are unable to access the high densities of zooplankton in
29 the epilimneon (uppermost water layer in a lake) due to high water surface temperatures in
30 Lake Washington.

31 Juvenile sockeye salmon begin to migrate out of Lake Washington in April and continue
32 outmigration until June or early July. Sockeye are usually outmigrate at 1 year of age, after
33 spending the previous summer and winter rearing in the lake, although some sockeye
34 outmigrate within their first year. Outmigration behavior of sockeye has not been studied in
35 Lake Washington.

36 In-lake survival for sockeye salmon, from fry entry to pre-smolts the following spring, was
37 estimated to be about 2.91% over the 2000 to 2005 brood years (McPherson and Woodey
38 2009). This is a very low survival rate for this life history stage compared with that of other

1 sockeye salmon populations. A hypothesis for this finding is based on timing of sockeye fry
2 entry into Lake Washington, which often takes place before or early in the spring bloom
3 period, potentially placing the fry at risk due to suboptimal food resources for large
4 populations entering in the south end of the lake from the Cedar River (McPherson and
5 Woodey 2009). However, studies of Lake Washington sockeye's pre-smolt to adult survival
6 have indicated that survival is consistent with other sockeye stocks (Ames 2006).

7 Once adult sockeye have migrated through the Ballard Locks, they have a rapid migration
8 through the Ship Canal, averaging about 4 days (Newell and Quinn 2005). As with Chinook
9 salmon, timing of sockeye passage through the Ship Canal and Lake Union is thought to be
10 influenced by several factors, including warm water temperatures in the Ship Canal.

11 All sockeye salmon tend to have similar life history patterns in the Lake Washington
12 watershed, but the adult sockeye returning to spawn in the Cedar River tend to be larger and
13 older than the Bear Creek spawners (Hendry and Quinn 1997). In addition to spawning in the
14 Cedar River and other Lake Washington tributaries, sockeye salmon also spawn along Lake
15 Washington's shoreline. This includes past spawning records for the existing and proposed
16 east end of the Evergreen Point Bridge, based on WDFW map records (Buchanan 2004).
17 However, no recent surveys have been conducted to determine whether sockeye salmon
18 currently spawn in this location. This area is one of more than 85 shoreline spawning beaches
19 and is less than 1% of the beach spawning habitat previously identified in Lake Washington
20 on maps provided by WDFW (Buchanan 2004).

21 Estimated annual escapement of Lake Washington beach spawning sockeye (i.e., hatchery
22 fish that spawn in natural areas versus returning to hatchery waters) varied from 54 to 1,032
23 fish from 1976 through 1991 (WDFW 2004). These sockeye spawn wherever suitable gravel
24 beaches and groundwater upwelling occur around the lake, particularly along the north shore
25 of Mercer Island and the east shore of Lake Washington. These spawning areas occur over a
26 wide range of water depths. The estimated total beach spawning population ranged between
27 200 and 1,500 fish between 1986 and 2003 (WDFW 2004).

28 **Coho Salmon**

29 Not much information is known about coho salmon's use of Lake Washington habitats. In
30 general, these fish enter Lake Washington with a typically larger body size than Chinook
31 salmon, which influences their habitat choice. Upon initial entry into Lake Washington, these
32 juvenile coho salmon are likely to eat prey items similar to those consumed by Chinook and
33 sockeye. However, as these fish grow larger, they may switch to piscivory (eating other fish).

34 Age 1+ coho outmigration occurs from late April until late May, usually peaking in early
35 May (Fresh and Lucchetti 2000). As with steelhead, it is thought that coho generally move
36 through the lake and into marine waters more quickly than Chinook salmon because of their
37 large size upon entry into Lake Washington. Most coho salmon tagged and released in the

1 Ship Canal pass the Ballard Locks within 2 weeks. Habitat use and behavior during this
2 period have not been studied in Lake Washington, and are largely unknown.

3 Returning adult coho salmon pass through the project area from late September through
4 November. Little is known about adult coho behavior and habitat choice upstream of the
5 Ballard Locks.

6 **Cutthroat Trout**

7 Lake Washington contains populations of cutthroat trout, both anadromous (migrating from
8 fresh to salt water) and potamodromous (migrating only within freshwater areas). Most
9 anadromous cutthroat trout juveniles move to salt water at age 2 if they migrate to sheltered
10 saltwater areas, or age 3 or 4 if they migrate to the open ocean. Seaward migration peaks in
11 May. Potamodromous forms migrate to main stem rivers or to lakes; otherwise, their life
12 history characteristics are much like those of the anadromous form. Prey includes insects,
13 crustaceans, and other fish including perch, coho smolts, minnows, and other young fish.

14 **3.4.2. Salmonid Distribution and Densities: Salmonid Functional Zones**

15 Anadromous salmonids in the project area are classified into several stocks, based on both
16 geographical distribution of the fish and genetic similarities. Table 3-1 lists the identified
17 stocks of anadromous salmonids in the Lake Washington basin. Based on geography, all
18 anadromous juveniles originating in the Cedar River or along the southern shoreline of Lake
19 Washington (for beach spawning sockeye salmon) must migrate through the project area to
20 reach the Lake Washington Ship Canal, the only available route to the marine environment of
21 Puget Sound. In some cases, a high percentage of a particular salmon species originates in
22 the Cedar River. For example sockeye salmon from the Cedar River have accounted for
23 approximately 85.3% of sockeye (1982 to 2002 range: 68 to 98%; Standard Deviation: 7.8%)
24 estimated to have spawned annually in the Lake Washington watershed (McPherson and
25 Woodey 2009).

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1 **Table 3-1. Stock Summary of Lake Washington Basin Salmonids**

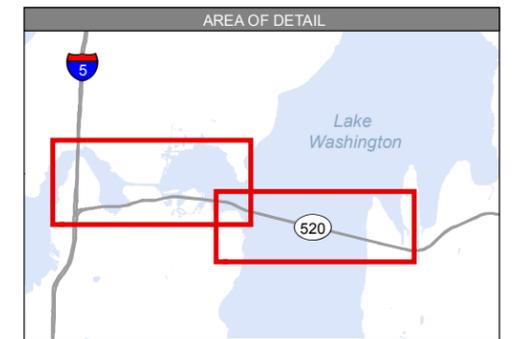
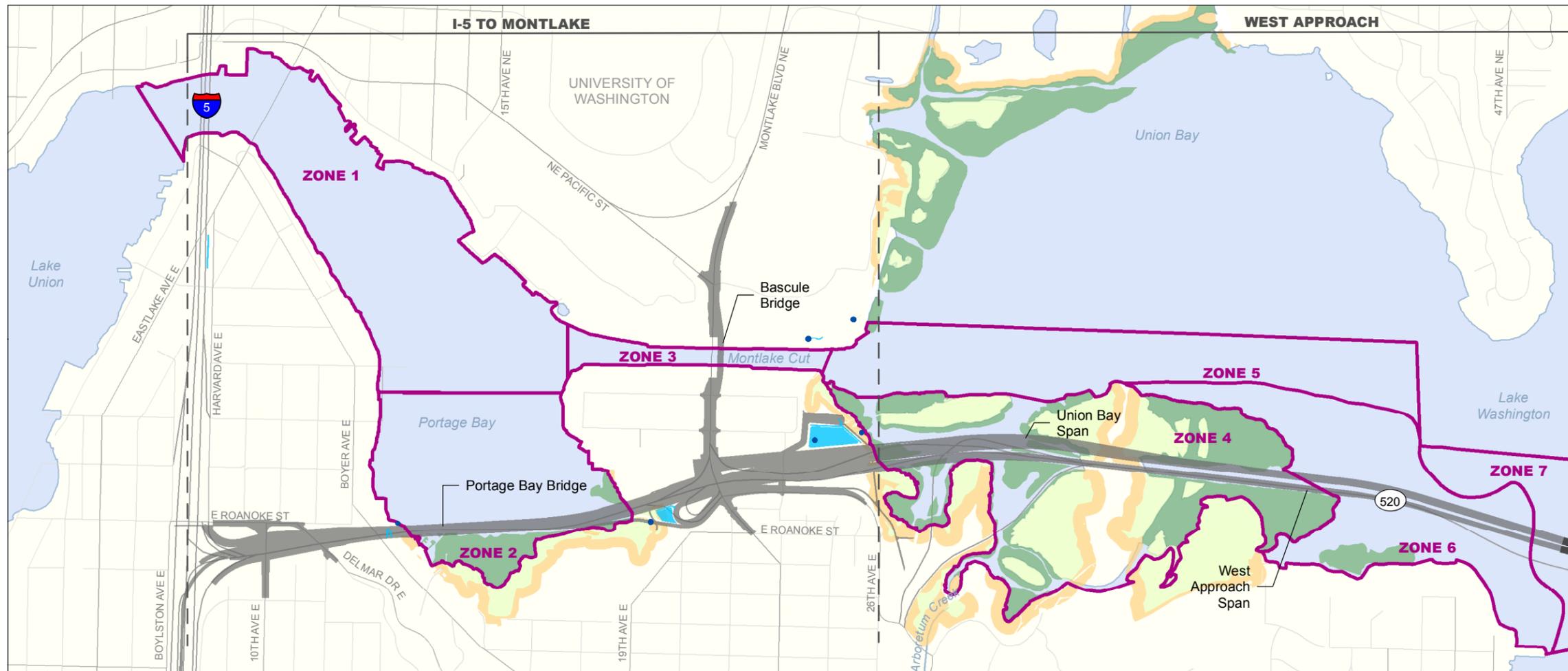
Species	Stock	Population Estimate Metric	1986–2003 Average (Max – Min) ^b
Chinook	Cedar River Chinook	Index escapement	525 (120 – 1540)
	Sammamish River ^a	Carcass counts and index escapement	3,438 (1,153 – 7,851)
Coho	Cedar River Coho	Cumulative fish-days	2,040 (128 – 9,204)
	Lake Washington/ Sammamish Tributaries Coho	Cumulative fish-days	4,120 (339 – 13,804)
Sockeye	Cedar River Sockeye	Run size	176,503 (30,084 – 512,257)
	Lake Washington Beach-Spawning Sockeye	Total escapement	1,895 (200 – 4,800)
	Lake Washington/ Sammamish Tributaries Sockeye	Total escapement	25,980 (2,080 – 81,090)
Steelhead	Lake Washington Winter Steelhead	Total escapement	158 (20 – 1,816)

^a As defined by NOAA Fisheries Puget Sound Technical Recovery Team. This stock includes Issaquah Chinook and North Lake Washington Tributaries Chinook as listed in WDFW (2004). The stock includes substantial hatchery origin fish, including strays and fish allowed to spawn after egg taking goals have been achieved.

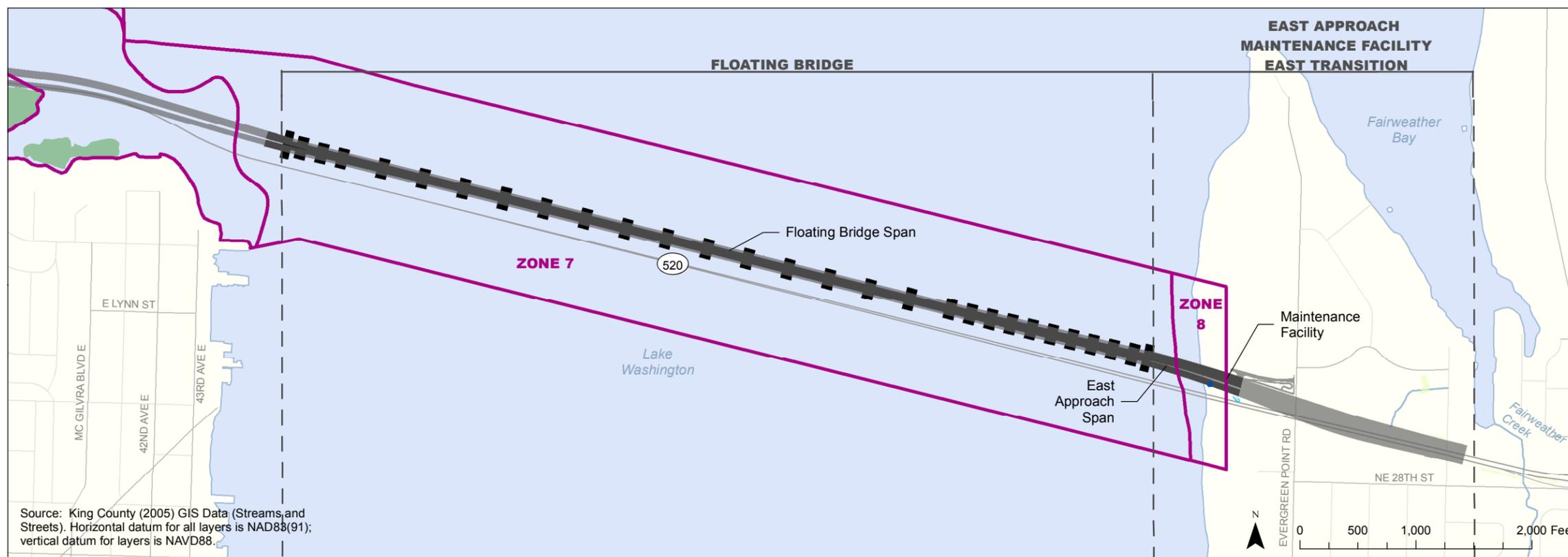
^b Data from WDFW 2004

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3 In other cases, salmonids spawn in the tributaries that enter the north end of the lake (e.g.,
4 Bear Creek, Issaquah Creek) or along Lake Washington’s beaches to the north of the SR 520
5 bridge. Larger juvenile sockeye and Chinook salmon from these locations in Lake
6 Washington inhabit deeper limnetic lake habitat prior to outmigration, although some
7 outmigrants may cross back and forth through the bridge corridor during this time.

8 In addition to the geographic location of spawning areas, the density and distribution of
9 salmonids in the project area are also determined by the physical, chemical, and biological
10 conditions in the project area. To assess and discuss the salmonids’ variable use of the project
11 area, it is helpful to break the project area into smaller zones. Eight salmonid functional
12 zones have been identified in Lake Washington and the Ship Canal (Figure 3-1) to
13 characterize the ecological conditions, salmonid habitat functions, and salmonid species' use
14 of each zone. The zones were defined, and fish use evaluated, by a team of technical experts
15 on Lake Washington fisheries. The results identified by the team were then reviewed and
16 approved by the NRTWG. Each zone is briefly described in more detail below.



- Proposed Stormwater Outfall
 - Stream
 - ▭ Salmonid Use Ecological Zone
- Zone 1: Ship Canal from Hiram M. Chittenden Locks to Portage Bay**
All successful juvenile outmigrants and adult returns must pass through this zone during their life cycle.
- Zone 2: Southern portion of Portage Bay**
Highly used by University of Washington Hatchery fish. Sub-optimal rearing and migration habitat, believed to be little utilized by native salmonids.
- Zone 3: Ship Canal Montlake Cut**
Lack of suitable habitat. Shallow, warm and heavily armored on both sides makes residency times low. All juvenile outmigrants and returning adults must pass through this segment of the Ship Canal prior to entering Lake Union or Lake Washington, respectively.
- Zone 4: Arboretum and Foster Island Waterways**
Low habitat use by salmonids. Shallow, warmer environment with dense macrophytes. This is believed to provide habitat for bass and other species tolerant of warmer waters.
- Zone 5: Union Bay**
This area may be used by outmigrating juvenile Chinook salmon for extended time periods (multiple days) and it may provide rearing habitat or refuge to fish about to enter or just exiting the relatively hostile environs associated with the Ship Canal.
- Zone 6: SR 520 West Approach (Foster Island to 10 m depth)**
Believed to be primary migration route for Cedar River juvenile outmigrants and returning adults. This area may be used by outmigrating juvenile Chinook salmon for extended time periods (multiple days) and it may provide rearing habitat (primarily in 2-6 m depths).
- Zone 7: Floating Bridge (areas deeper than 10 m)**
Deep water area believed to be of lower importance for juvenile salmonids, which are generally shoreline oriented, while adult salmonids may use this portion of the lake. Juvenile salmonids may migrate into deeper waters at night in pursuit of feeding opportunities or use pontoon edge as migration corridor.
- Zone 8: East Approach (from 10-meter depth contour to shore)**
The east shoreline of Lake Washington is believed to be of less importance to migrating juvenile salmonids, however some shoreline-oriented salmonids likely use this area. Lake spawning sockeye salmonids have been documented to spawn in the vicinity of the East Approach bridge structure.



- ▬ Proposed Edge of Pavement
- ▭ Aquatic Bed Wetland
- ▭ Palustrine Wetland
- ▭ Wetland Buffer
- ▭ Proposed Stormwater Facility
- ▭ Pontoon

Source: King County (2005) GIS Data (Streams and Streets). Horizontal datum for all layers is NAD83(91); vertical datum for layers is NAVD88.

Figure 3-1. Project Scale - Salmonid Function Zones in Lake Washington
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1 **Salmonid Functional Zone 1 – Ship Canal West of Portage Bay**

2 The Ship Canal is an 8.6-mile-long man-made navigation waterway connecting Lake
3 Washington to Puget Sound in the city of Seattle. Lake Washington was isolated from Puget
4 Sound until 1903, when the construction of the Ship Canal created a connection from Lake
5 Washington to Puget Sound through Lake Union. From west to east, the Ship Canal passes
6 through Shilshole Bay, Ballard Locks, Salmon Bay, the Fremont Cut, Lake Union, Portage
7 Bay, the Montlake Cut, and Union Bay on the edge of Lake Washington. Although all
8 successful juvenile outmigrants and adult returns must pass through this zone during their life
9 cycle, project activities occurring in this area are minimal, and limited to the movement of
10 barges and pontoons.

11 **Salmonid Functional Zone 2 – Portage Bay**

12 The project area crosses through the southern portion of Portage Bay, which is thought to be
13 south of the primary salmonid migration route through the Ship Canal. This area is a shallow,
14 quiescent bay with abundant aquatic macrophytes during the spring and summer months. It
15 provides limited habitat for anadromous fish populations, which are believed to migrate
16 relatively rapidly through the northern portion of Portage Bay.

17 **Salmonid Functional Zone 3 – Ship Canal at Montlake Cut**

18 The Ship Canal at Montlake Cut is relatively shallow, warm, and heavily armored on both
19 sides. The lack of suitable habitat makes fish residency times low; however, all outmigrating
20 juveniles and returning adult salmonids must pass through this segment of the Ship Canal
21 prior to entering Lake Union or Lake Washington. Construction activities to build a second
22 bascule bridge will occur above the Montlake Cut, and will be conducted primarily from
23 upland areas, with some periodic support from barges and tugboats anchored or positioned in
24 the Montlake Cut.

25 **Salmonid Functional Zone 4 – Arboretum and Foster Island**

26 This zone includes the Washington Park Arboretum, Foster Island, and Union Bay. The area
27 is generally characterized by shallow, quiescent waterways where dense growths of
28 macrophytes are abundant during the spring and summer months. This zone contains a single
29 stream, Arboretum Creek, which may have historically supported salmonids, although it has
30 since been modified and degraded to the point where under current conditions it does not
31 support any salmonids. While much of this zone is thought to provide habitat for bass and
32 other species tolerant of warmer waters, it is not considered important or highly utilized
33 salmonid habitat. A substantial amount of in-water construction will occur in this zone,
34 including the installation of temporary work bridges and permanent bridge columns and
35 superstructure.

1 **Salmonid Functional Zone 5 – Union Bay**

2 This area may be used by outmigrating juvenile Chinook salmon for extended time periods
3 (multiple days). It may also provide rearing habitat and refuge to fish about to enter or just
4 exiting the relatively hostile environment associated with the Ship Canal. As with Salmonid
5 Functional Zone 1, project construction activities in this area will generally be limited to the
6 movement of barges and pontoons.

7 **Salmonid Functional Zone 6 – West Approach**

8 This zone occurs east of the dense macrophyte communities associated with Foster Island,
9 out to the 10-meter depth contour. This area is believed to be the primary migration route for
10 Cedar River juvenile outmigrants and returning adults. Recent fish tracking studies
11 (Celedonia et al. 2008b) suggest that this area may be used by outmigrating juvenile Chinook
12 salmon for multiple days, and may provide rearing habitat (primarily in 2- to 6-meter depths).
13 Fish travelling to or from the southern end of Lake Washington generally pass underneath the
14 bridge in this zone. In addition, there will be a substantial amount of in-water and over-water
15 construction in this zone, including the installation of temporary work bridges and permanent
16 bridge columns and superstructure.

17 **Salmonid Functional Zone 7 – Floating Bridge**

18 The floating portion of the Evergreen Point Bridge resides in deeper water (greater than
19 10 meters deep) supported by floating pontoons. This zone is believed to provide limited
20 habitat for the smaller juvenile salmonids, which are generally shoreline-oriented; however,
21 adult and larger juvenile salmonids may use this portion of the lake. In addition, juvenile
22 salmonids may migrate into deeper waters at night or in pursuit of feeding opportunities
23 because a preferred food item, zooplankton, tends to be more abundant offshore.

24 **Salmonid Functional Zone 8 – East Approach**

25 This zone occurs along the east shoreline of Lake Washington, which is thought to be of less
26 importance to migrating juvenile and adult salmonids because these fish are generally
27 believed to pass through the project area closer to the western shoreline of the lake. It is
28 likely that some shoreline-oriented salmonids use this area. Sockeye beach spawning has also
29 been identified historically in this area (see Section 3.5.1), though no surveys have been
30 conducted recently. Construction activities in this zone include installation of permanent
31 bridge columns and superstructure, and construction of the bridge maintenance facility and
32 associated dock.

33 **3.4.3. Salmonid Predators**

34 Predation of salmonids by native and non-native predatory fishes is a substantial source of
35 mortality in Lake Washington and the Ship Canal (Fayram and Sibley 2000; Warner and
36 Fresh 1998; Kahler et al. 2000). However, any effects on associated predator–prey
37 distributions resulting from the existing bridge and associated structures are expected to

1 apply mainly to juvenile salmon outmigration. Current information does not indicate that the
2 existing bridge structure has an influence on the predator–prey interactions associated with
3 adult salmonids in Lake Washington.

4 Fayram and Sibley (2000) and Tabor et al. (2004a, 2006) demonstrated that bass may be a
5 risk factor for juvenile salmonid survival in Lake Washington. Celedonia et al. (2008a, b)
6 found that larger bass tend to be present near shoreline structures and bridge piers, including
7 areas where young salmon are likely to migrate and rear. Therefore, juvenile Chinook and
8 steelhead may be particularly vulnerable to predation as they migrate through Lake
9 Washington to marine waters, as well as through the relatively-confined Ship Canal. The
10 highly modified habitat throughout the Ship Canal and the locks may also contribute to an
11 increased potential of predation due to the reduced refuge habitat available.

12 The primary freshwater predators of salmonids in the lakes and waterways in the Lake
13 Washington basin include both native and non-native species. Primary non-native predator
14 fish include yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*), smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*), and
15 largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*). Predominant native fish predators include
16 cutthroat trout, northern pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus oregonensis*), and prickly sculpin
17 (*Cottus asper*). However, sampling in February and June of 1995 and 1997 found only 15
18 juvenile Chinook salmon in the stomachs of 1,875 predators (prickly sculpin, smallmouth
19 and largemouth bass, and cutthroat trout) examined, with most of the predation by prickly
20 sculpin (Tabor et al. 2004a). These data suggest predation of less than 10% of the Chinook
21 salmon entering the lake from the Cedar River.

22 Smallmouth bass distribution in Lake Washington overlaps with that of juvenile Chinook
23 salmon in May and June, when both species occur in shoreline areas. However, predation
24 rates are also affected by physical conditions. For example, smallmouth bass do not feed as
25 actively in cooler temperatures as they do in waters above 68°F (20°C) (Wydoski and
26 Whitney 2003), while Chinook avoid the warmer-water areas. Chinook also avoid overhead
27 cover, docks and piers, and the coarse substrate habitat areas preferred by smallmouth bass
28 (Tabor et. al 2004a; Gayaldo and Nelson 2006; Tabor et al. 2006; Celedonia et al. 2008a, b).

29 Tabor et al. (2006) concluded that under existing conditions, predation by smallmouth and
30 largemouth bass has a relatively minor effect on Chinook salmon and other salmonid
31 populations in the Lake Washington system. However, predation appears to be greater in the
32 Ship Canal than in the lake. Tabor et al. (2000) estimated populations of about 3,400
33 smallmouth and 2,500 largemouth bass in the Ship Canal, with approximately 60% of the
34 population occurring at the east end at Portage Bay. They also observed that smallmouth bass
35 consume almost twice as many Chinook salmon smolts per fish as largemouth bass (500
36 smolts versus 280 smolts annually, respectively). This consumption occurs primarily during
37 the Chinook salmon outmigration period (mid-May to the end of July) when salmon smolts
38 represented 50 to 70% of the diet of smallmouth bass (Tabor et al. 2000). An additional study

1 estimated the overall consumption of salmonids in the Ship Canal at between 36,000 and
2 46,000 juvenile salmon, corresponding to mortality estimates ranging from 0.5 to 0.6%
3 (Tabor et al. 2006).

4 Although smallmouth bass showed an affinity for the bridge columns, information suggests
5 that their overall abundance is no greater at the bridge than in other suitable habitat types
6 (Celedonia et al. 2009). Also, a study of the stomach contents of predators under the existing
7 bridge found that predator diets near the bridge include a similar proportion of salmonids as
8 the diets of predators studied in other locations of Lake Washington (Celedonia et al. 2009).

9 In addition to selecting bridge columns as a structural habitat component, smallmouth bass
10 were found to have an affinity for a depth of 4 to 8 meters and often sparse vegetation or
11 edge habitat associated with macrophytes. Moderately dense to dense vegetation was used
12 only occasionally. Neither pikeminnow nor smallmouth bass have been shown to have an
13 affinity for the shading (i.e., overhead cover) provided by the overhead bridge structure.

14 As noted previously, artificial lighting associated with the proposed roadway and bridge
15 could affect the distribution and behavior of fish. Any increased abundance of salmonids
16 around illuminated areas may then also attract visual predators. Neither smallmouth bass nor
17 northern pikeminnows appeared to be particularly attracted to the artificially illuminated area
18 adjacent to the existing bridge. Other studies, however, suggest that predation rates by other
19 salmonids such as cutthroat trout and rainbow trout may be higher due to increased visibility
20 of the prey species in illuminated areas, even if the predators on the whole do not select these
21 areas (Mazur and Beauchamp 2003; Tabor et al. 2004b). No information was presented
22 regarding increased potential for predator detection by prey in artificially illuminated areas.

23 While there has been an obvious increase in the number of non-native predators in the lake in
24 the twentieth century, changes in the number of native predators have been less apparent.
25 However, there is some anecdotal evidence that the number of cutthroat trout has increased
26 considerably over time (Nowak 2000). In addition, Brocksmith (1999) concluded that the
27 northern pikeminnow population increased by 11 to 38% between 1972 and 1997.
28 Brocksmith (1999) also found evidence that larger northern pikeminnows are more numerous
29 than they were historically, indicating that the pikeminnow population is currently not
30 limited by their density (i.e., they can increase in density if limiting environmental factors
31 became more favorable). The greater number and the larger size of pikeminnows suggest an
32 overall increase in predation mortality of anadromous juvenile salmonids, compared with
33 historical conditions. The incidence of freshwater predation by fish in Lake Washington and
34 the Ship Canal may also be increasing due to the increasing water temperatures that favor
35 these species (Schindler 2000).

36 Data suggest that northern pikeminnow do not select areas near the bridge over other habitat
37 types. Northern pikeminnow were primarily concentrated at 4- to 6-meter depths during all

1 periods, and moderately dense vegetation was the most commonly used habitat type. Limited
2 attraction to nighttime lights was noted, although this was inconsistent from year to year
3 (Celedonia et al. 2008a, 2008b, 2009).

4 In general, the amount of predation currently occurring in the project area is likely to be
5 primarily a function of the overlap in available predator and prey habitat areas and selection
6 preferences. Assuming smallmouth bass are selecting the bridge columns as preferential
7 habitat for predation, and that migrating Chinook show no preference where they cross in the
8 primary migration corridor, predation is likely to occur adjacent to the in-water structure
9 (columns) of the existing bridge structure.

10 Aside from potential changes in predator distribution, the information suggests that migrating
11 juvenile salmonids that exhibit a holding behavior in association with the bridge are more
12 likely to be susceptible to increased predation rates. The increased residence time around the
13 structure may simply result in prolonged exposure to bridge-associated predators.

14 **3.5 Lake Washington Salmonid Conceptual Model**

15 A conceptual model was developed to characterize the interaction between anadromous
16 salmonids and aquatic habitat in the project area. The model (Figure 3-2), based on literature
17 on salmonid habitat functions and features in Lake Washington, uses the primary life history
18 stages of anadromous salmonids as surrogates for related population-level metrics (i.e.,
19 survival, growth, fitness, and reproductive success). To simplify the model, the life history
20 stages have been generalized, and serve to represent all anadromous salmonids within the
21 Lake Washington system, although the importance of specific habitat features varies by
22 species. For example, natural shoreline habitat is extremely important to Chinook fry when
23 they enter the lake from the Cedar River, while sockeye salmon, which are generally larger
24 upon lake entry, rely somewhat less on shoreline habitat and for a shorter period.

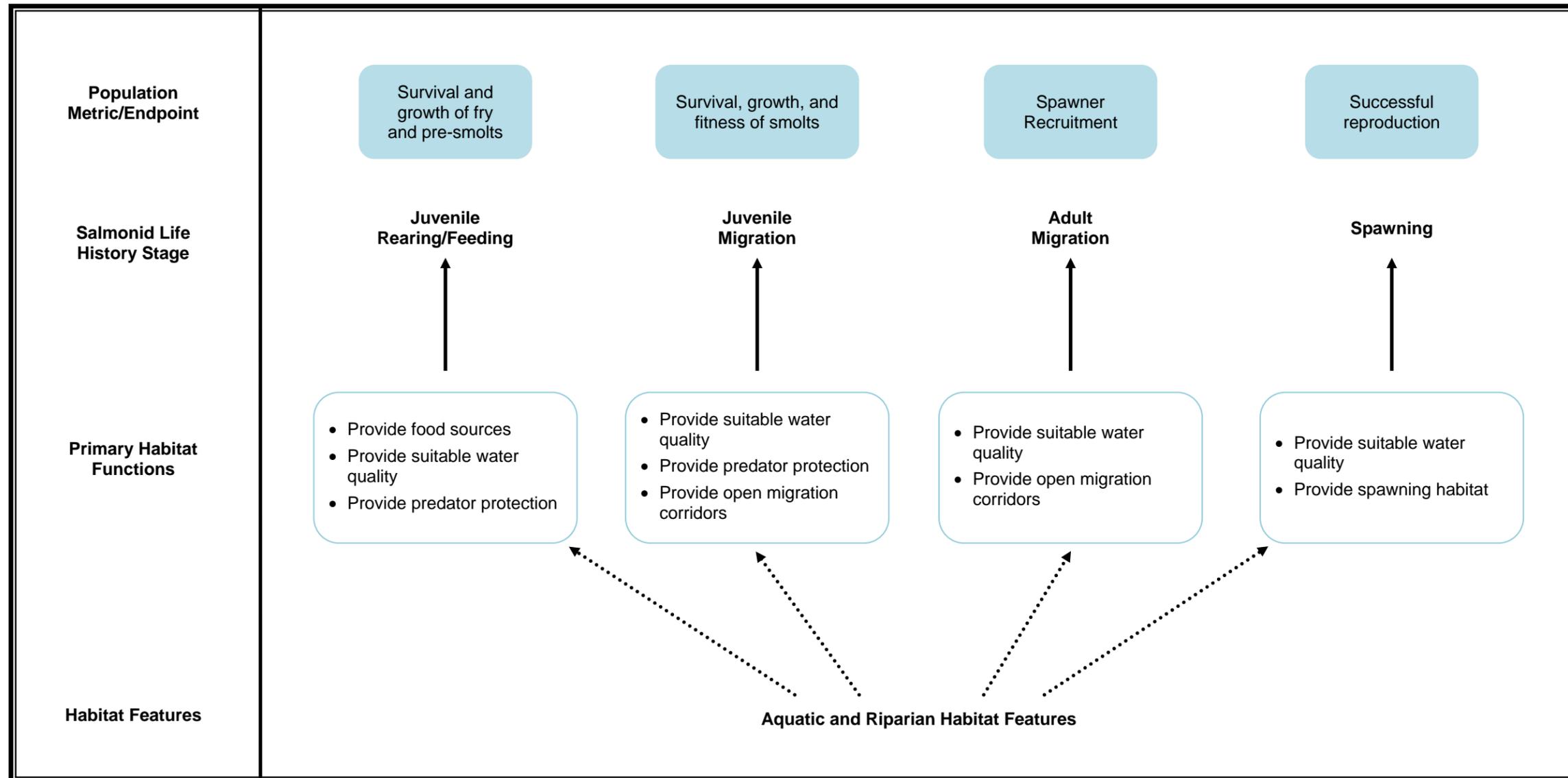
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Figure 3-2. Conceptual Model of Anadromous Fish in Lake Washington



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1 The aquatic habitat functions listed in the model also apply to all species of anadromous
 2 salmon in the project area. These functions, listed in Figure 3-2 and listed in more detail in
 3 Table 3-2, are based on scientific literature on salmonid habitat requirements and limiting
 4 factors (City of Seattle and USACE 2008; Kerwin 2001; Wydoski and Whitney 2003) and
 5 directly relate to specific life history stages.

6 **Table 3-2. Aquatic Habitat Functions and Related Salmonid Life History Stages**

Aquatic Habitat Function	Primary Salmonid Life History Stage(s) Affected
Provide adequate food sources (macroinvertebrate and zooplankton)	Juvenile Rearing/Feeding Juvenile Migration
Provide water quality with constituents within acceptable levels for salmonids (DO, temperature, TSS, contaminants, etc.)	All stages
Provide protection from predator species (piscivorous and avian)	Juvenile Rearing/Feeding Juvenile Migration
Provide migration corridors free from obstruction and disturbance	Juvenile Migration Adult Migration
Provide accessible spawning habitat of suitable quantity and quality	Adult Spawning

7 DO = Dissolved oxygen
 8 TSS = Total suspended solids

9 The model relates these general population metrics to specific habitat functions that support
 10 salmonid life stages. Each habitat function is supported by a number of physical, biological,
 11 and chemical habitat features that can be affected by project actions. Alteration of these
 12 habitat features can influence habitat functions, which then can affect salmonid life history
 13 stages and result in population-level effects. Since this methodology looks at salmonid life
 14 history and related population-level effects, it can be used to either assess project impacts
 15 (negative effects) or project mitigation (positive effects), and allows evaluation and
 16 comparison of both types of effects, using identical metrics.

17 The potential project impacts and mitigation actions may affect different habitat features, but
 18 the overall aquatic functions, and in turn, life history elements affected, are similar. The
 19 discussion below summarizes general information on the life histories of salmonids, and the
 20 relationship of several habitat features to these life stages.

1 **3.5.1. Juvenile Salmonid Rearing and Feeding**

2 **Rearing**

3 Juvenile salmonids require habitat that provides refuge from predatory, physiological, and
4 high-energy challenges. High-quality freshwater refuge habitat, limited in Lake Washington
5 and the Ship Canal (Tabor and Piaskowski 2002; Weitkamp et al. 2000), consists of
6 unarmored, shallow-gradient littoral zone with large woody debris (LWD) and overhanging
7 vegetation (Tabor and Piaskowski 2002). Low-quality refuge habitat is prevalent in most
8 Lake Washington shoreline areas due to shoreline development, lack of LWD, and the
9 proliferation of non-native predatory fish species. Shoreline modifications that preclude
10 shallow water habitat comprise most of the Lake Washington shoreline (Toft 2001; Toft et al.
11 2003). In Lake Washington, pilings and riprap likely contribute to increased energy
12 expenditure and risk of predation on juvenile salmonids by bass and northern pikeminnow
13 (Celedonia et al. 2008 a, b). Riprap areas have been shown in other lakes to exhibit higher
14 water velocities, depths, and steep slopes compared with unaltered habitats (Garland et al.
15 2002). Due to littoral zone activities and modifications including dredging, filling,
16 bulkheading, and construction, very little native vegetation remains on the Lake Washington
17 shoreline (Weitkamp et al. 2000; Toft 2001; Toft et al. 2003).

18 Refuge is limited in the Lake Washington basin near the fresh/saltwater transition at the
19 Ballard Locks due to the limited natural habitat and sharp osmotic gradient. Juvenile
20 salmonids exiting Lake Washington may seek tributary mouths as refuge habitats because
21 overhead vegetative cover and the water from these tributaries provide refuge from higher
22 salinities or temperatures (Seattle Parks and Recreation 2003). In nearshore shallow and/or
23 marine areas, features considered to be high-quality refuge habitat are aquatic and marine
24 riparian vegetation, LWD, and larger substrates (City of Seattle 2001). In Puget Sound, this
25 habitat is limited due to the prevalence of bulkheads and over-water structures, and extensive
26 filling, dredging, and grading in shoreline areas (Weitkamp et al. 2000; City of Seattle 2001).

27 **Foraging**

28 Juvenile salmon require habitat that provides and supports the production of ample prey
29 resources; this habitat includes unaltered shorelines with organic inputs and small substrates.
30 Juvenile Chinook in Lake Washington prey on insects and pelagic invertebrates, namely
31 chironomids and *Daphnia* spp. (Koehler 2002). Juvenile salmonids in Puget Sound feed on
32 forage fish larvae and eggs as well as on other pelagic, benthic, and epibenthic organisms
33 from nearshore, intertidal, and eelgrass/kelp areas (Simenstad and Cordell 2000). Although
34 the literature generally concludes that prey resources are not a limiting factor for juvenile
35 salmon (Kerwin 2001), in-water construction activities have the potential to temporarily
36 affect the juveniles' foraging behavior by decreasing primary productivity, changing water
37 clarity (sedimentation), or creating in-water noise and disturbance. Because the proposed

1 project has the potential to temporarily affect the foraging ability of juvenile outmigrant
2 salmonids, this life history element was incorporated into the conceptual model.

3 **3.5.2. Juvenile Migration**

4 Lake habitat that is generally considered favorable for migration includes gently sloping
5 beaches with no over-water structures restricting light penetration of the water. Juvenile
6 salmonids require habitat with few barriers to their seaward migration. Lake Washington is
7 free of these barriers, but concern exists among biologists that over-water structures such as
8 docks and piers may indirectly act as a barrier to alter migration patterns (Weitkamp et al.
9 2000). Juvenile salmon readily pass under small docks and narrow structures under which
10 darkness is not complete, but studies have indicated that under some conditions, large over-
11 water structures with dark shadows can alter migration (Fresh et al. 2001). However, juvenile
12 migration of salmonids is complex and influenced by a variety of factors. In a study of the
13 effects of the existing SR 520 bridge, Celedonia et al. (2008a) observed no apparent holding
14 behavior of juvenile Chinook at the existing bridge during year 1 of the study, while in
15 another year minutes to hours of holding were observed for about half the fish (Celedonia et
16 al. 2008a). Some juveniles pass directly under the bridge without delay, while others spend
17 up to 2 hours holding close to the bridge. Overall, these short delays are unlikely to result in
18 detectable changes in survival of Chinook or other juvenile salmon as they migrate through
19 Lake Washington and the Ship Canal.

20 Several studies have shown that in nearshore areas of the Duwamish estuary and Elliott Bay,
21 over-water structures do not have a detrimental effect on juvenile salmonid migration
22 patterns, unlike some larger docks and piers on Lake Washington. However, this has been
23 attributed to the difference in size and construction of similar structures along the Lake
24 Washington and Lake Union shorelines (Weitkamp et al. 2000). Some studies have shown
25 that drastic changes in ambient underwater light environments may alter fish migration
26 behavior (Nightingale and Simenstad 2001).

27 The migratory corridor is severely modified at the Ballard Locks, as the fresh- to saltwater
28 transition occurs rather abruptly within the salt wedge and mixing zone near the locks.

29 **3.5.3. Adult Migration**

30 Adult salmonids returning to spawn in the Lake Washington basin must pass through the
31 Ship Canal and the lake. Details on migration timing through the Ship Canal are discussed in
32 Section 3.5.1. Adult Chinook salmon may enter Lake Washington days before moving into
33 rivers for spawning. The average time spent by adult Chinook in Lake Washington in 1998
34 was 2.9 days (Fresh et al. 1999). For Sammamish watershed fish, the average was 4.9 days.
35 Acoustic and temperature tags on adult Chinook salmon show that these fish inhabit waters
36 of varying depths and temperatures. Temperature tag studies show that areas in the lake
37 occupied by fish range in temperature from 48 to 70° F (9 to 21° C) (F. Goetz unpublished

1 data in City of Seattle and USACE 2008). Adult sockeye salmon enter Lake Washington well
2 before spawning. Freshwater entry occurs in the summer and the fish spawn in October and
3 November (Newell and Quinn 2005). A fish tracking study conducted in 2003 indicated that
4 25 of 29 adult sockeye salmon that were initially detected south of the existing Evergreen
5 Point Bridge were subsequently detected south of the bridge (Newell 2005). Of these, 10 fish
6 exhibited back-and-forth behavior, meaning they swam under the bridge at least three times.
7 Fish remained in the lake for an average of 83 days (range of 57 to 132 days) before
8 migrating upstream to spawn; however, there was no apparent correlation between freshwater
9 arrival date and spawning date. Most adult sockeye spend their time in Lake Washington
10 below the thermocline, where temperatures are cooler. Over 90% of temperature detections
11 in the lake were between 48° and 52° F (9° and 11°C), corresponding to water depths of 18
12 to 30 meters, with the fish rarely occupying available cooler and warmer waters (Newell
13 2005).

14 **Ship Canal Water Quality Conditions and Adult Salmon Migration**

15 Upstream of the Ballard Locks, water quality parameters such as temperature and DO may
16 inhibit adult salmon movement away from the cool water refuge. The results of previous
17 tagging studies indicate inter-annual variability in the duration of Chinook salmon holding
18 just upstream of the locks, resulting in annual average delays of 2 days to 19 days (K. Fresh
19 in City of Seattle and USACE 2008; Timko et al. 2002). These studies identified 19°C as a
20 temperature that most fish move through and 22°C as the boundary beyond which fish do not
21 migrate. In general, water temperatures above 19°C correlate with fish staying longer at the
22 locks.

23 This suggests that the Ballard Locks have been delaying the entry of some fish into Lake
24 Washington, potentially based on elevated water temperatures. Water temperatures in the
25 Ship Canal and Lake Union consistently exceed values that are physiologically stressful to
26 salmon (i.e., greater than 20°C) and can greatly exceed this threshold, as in 1998, when the
27 daily average temperature peaks were 23.5°C in early August (City of Seattle and USACE
28 2008).

29 Adult salmon passage through the Ship Canal and Lake Union is thought to be influenced by
30 warm water temperatures in the Ship Canal, among other things. Both sockeye and Chinook
31 salmon may be affected by these high temperatures. Sockeye tend to spend longer in the Ship
32 Canal, but also keep to a tighter temperature range than Chinook. Chinook enter the Ship
33 Canal later in the season when temperatures are higher, however.

34 The combined effect of the locks and the stratification of the water column contribute to
35 water quality conditions that may adversely affect adult salmon, especially in years of high
36 summer temperature. The potential biological effects on individual adult salmon from these
37 degraded water quality conditions in the Ship Canal are not well documented; however, it is
38 possible that physical conditions in the Ship Canal are a stress to holding or migrating adults

1 that could cause pre-spawning mortality and reduced egg survival for those adults that
2 survive to spawn, or make affected fish more susceptible to other stressors encountered
3 during their migration.

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1 **4. Impact Assessment**

2 The purpose of this section is to characterize impacts on aquatic habitat and species from
3 construction and operation of the SR 520 bridge replacement in Lake Washington and the
4 Ship Canal, as part of the SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project. The characterization of impacts
5 (and related mitigation benefits) required the development of impact assessment and
6 mitigation methodologies that are applicable to the unique site conditions, impact types, and
7 mitigation limitations of the proposed project, and that relate to the conceptual model
8 presented in Section 3.6. The development of these methodologies was necessary to
9 accurately describe and characterize those aquatic functions and values that will be
10 negatively affected as a result of the project.

11 WSDOT recognizes that the mitigation benefits will almost certainly be of a different type
12 than the impacts (based on the location and type of impacts); therefore, any methodology
13 developed must be based on a framework that characterizes the aquatic functions and values
14 lost at the impact site, as well as the aquatic functions and values improved at the mitigation
15 sites.

16 In addition, some of the impact types for this project are unique and require a methodology
17 that can accurately characterize and sum such impacts. One limitation to the methodology as
18 proposed is that it is somewhat limited in its ability to characterize the benefits of
19 minimization measures (such as bridge height) on impacts (e.g., shading).

20 An overriding goal of developing a conceptual framework and associated methodology was
21 to create a relatively simple and tractable method for assessing impacts and benefits while
22 acknowledging its limitations. Therefore, WSDOT developed a framework and associated
23 methodology for impact assessment and mitigation evaluation that addresses the following
24 key factors:

- 25
- 26 • **Biologically-Relevant Common Endpoints** – The methodology can sum a variety of
27 stressors and impact mechanisms, as well as beneficial actions (e.g., mitigation
28 actions) into several biologically-relevant endpoints, including life history stage
29 effects and associated population endpoints/metrics. Endpoints were chosen based on
30 their direct relation to important aquatic functions and values in the project area.
- 31 • **Spatial Sensitivity** – The methodology differentiates between the biological
32 importance of specific geographic areas, and relates the physical impacts to the
33 biological functions these areas support. The sensitivity includes the
34 habitat/functional differences between various locations along the bridge alignment
35 (floating bridge versus west approach) as well as differences between the project site

1 and other sites (potential mitigation site locations) in the larger Lake Washington
2 basin.

- 3 • **Temporal Sensitivity** – The methodology is able to integrate the overlap of
4 temporary spatial impacts over time, which allows an assessment of the biological
5 importance of impacts to specific fish life history stages.

6 The methodology described below was developed based on these key factors and was
7 presented to resource agencies participating as part of NRTWG process. The final impact
8 assessment methodology was formulated and refined incorporating NRTWG input.

9 The sections below describe the methodology in detail, including its direct application to the
10 site-specific impacts of the SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project.

11 **4.1 Impact Assessment Methodology**

12 This section summarizes the project’s approach to characterizing temporary and permanent
13 aquatic impacts resulting from the project’s construction and operation. The approach is
14 applied to those impacts that cannot otherwise be avoided or minimized, and that are of a
15 scale that will potentially negatively affect aquatic resources to a degree that will require
16 compensatory mitigation. WSDOT has applied specific avoidance and minimization
17 measures to potential impacts; these measures are discussed in detail in Section 5. The
18 methodology focuses on those project impacts that deleteriously affect fish habitat, either
19 directly or in most cases, indirectly (degradation of habitat functions), without full habitat
20 displacement. The methodology is used to calculate both permanent and temporary impacts.

21 The use of such a habitat-based methodology is consistent with the guidance in WDFW
22 Policy M-5002, which states that a project will not result in a net loss of aquatic habitat or
23 habitat functions. The methodology was not designed to calculate other types of potential
24 impacts that are disturbance-based or chemical in nature (e.g., pile driving or turbidity-
25 related impacts) and that are generally related to construction activities. However,
26 construction-related impacts do not result in a loss of habitat or function and their effect
27 ceases almost immediately upon cessation of the activity. Furthermore, potential construction
28 impacts, including in-water noise, temporary lighting, in-water turbidity/contaminants, and
29 barge operation, have been avoided and/or minimized (see Section 5) to the extent that
30 compensatory mitigation is not required. Similarly, potential non-habitat operational effects
31 such as stormwater discharge and permanent bridge lighting (see Section 2) have been
32 designed to be an improvement over the existing conditions.

33 The primary metrics for both impact characterization and subsequent calculation of
34 functional uplift resulting from mitigation activities are based on the two-dimensional area of
35 affected habitat. These metrics are then modified by a geographic (spatial) factor to account

1 for differences in fish use by area and habitat type. The methodology calculates temporary
2 impacts by integrating the temporal aspect of the impact-generating structures, and therefore
3 results in impacts based on the concept of service-acre-years (the sum of impacted acres over
4 time). The service-acre-year methodology proposed in this document is an adaptation of the
5 concept used in Habitat Equivalency Analysis (NOAA 1995) to determine compensation for
6 resource damages under the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) process.

7 Figure 4-1 presents the primary functions in the aquatic habitat that will be affected by
8 project construction and operation, and also shows the subsequent aquatic functions and
9 salmonid life history stages affected. Habitat features will primarily be changed by physical
10 mechanisms (e.g., alterations in benthic fill or daylight/shade-intensity), that in turn
11 negatively affect aquatic habitat functions that support juvenile salmon migration and
12 rearing. Based on an analysis of those habitat features substantially altered as a result of
13 project construction and operation, three impact mechanisms were identified that produce the
14 greatest effects on aquatic functions:

- 15 1. Artificial shading produced by project structures.
- 16 2. Changes in the number, size, and spacing of in-water structures all affect salmonid
17 habitat complexity, which has the potential to attract salmonid predators.
- 18 3. Displacement of benthic habitat by in-water structures.

19 This impact assessment methodology is designed to calculate effects from habitat-based
20 impacts. A detailed discussion of these three impact mechanisms is presented in Section 4.2.

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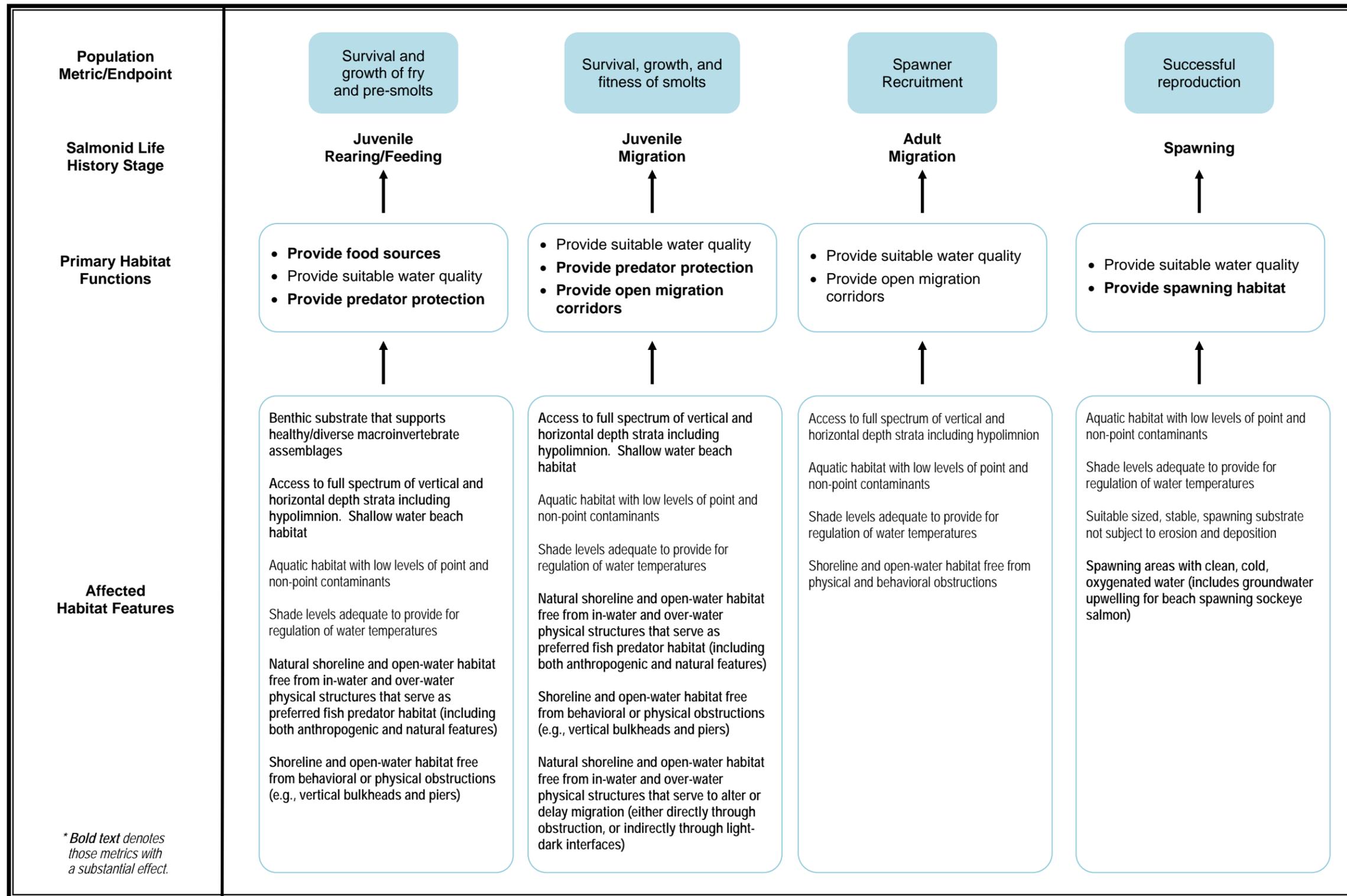
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Figure 4-1. Conceptual Model of Project Impacts



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1 **Fish Function Modifier**

2 The impact assessment methodology applies a geographic (spatial) modifier to the impact
3 metrics in order to characterize ecological function. This modifier (called the Fish Function
4 Modifier) accounts for differing levels of fish use at various sites throughout Lake
5 Washington. It is used to calculate the potential exposure of salmonid species to temporary
6 and permanent stressors from project construction. Fish Function Modifiers were assigned
7 based on (1) fish use numbers (i.e., the number of fish that likely use a specific geographic
8 area); (2) the type of fish use (i.e., the life stages that are likely present); and
9 (3) the duration of fish use (i.e., the temporal distribution of fish in the area throughout the
10 year).

11 Project impacts were separated into eight geographically-distinct Salmonid Functional Zones
12 that were based on salmonid utilization (as described in Section 3.5.2). Each zone containing
13 a project-related impact was assigned an individual Fish Function Modifier, scaled to a
14 number between 0 and 1. Zones 1 and 5 do not include any impacts and were not assigned a
15 modifier. The modifier scores were based on the abundance and distribution factors listed
16 above, and were scaled to represent the range of fish utilization in the Lake Washington
17 basin. Table 4-1 describes the criteria used to determine the modifiers.

18 Two zones that have the highest fish use are Zones 3 and 6, which serve as the primary
19 juvenile outmigration corridor for most (Zone 6) or all (Zone 3) salmonids spawned in the
20 Lake Washington basin. These two zones were assigned the highest possible Fish Function
21 Modifier, of 1.0. Zone 8, the East Approach Area, has some historical beach spawning use
22 by sockeye salmon, as well as some use by shoreline-oriented juvenile outmigrants from the
23 Cedar and Sammamish basins; therefore, the Fish Function Modifier is 0.8. Zone 2 (Portage
24 Bay) has low to moderate use by Chinook and potentially by coho salmon outmigrants,
25 although fish distribution is generally oriented away from the aquatic macrophytes beds on
26 the zone's southern edge. Nonetheless, the entirety of the zone was assigned a Fish Function
27 Modifier of 0.6. Zone 4 (Arboretum and Foster Island) was assigned a Fish Function
28 Modifier of 0.1 based on the very low densities of Chinook and other juvenile salmonids
29 present in this relatively shallow habitat that is heavily impacted by invasive aquatic
30 macrophytes.

31 Zone 7 (Floating Bridge) represents deep-water and open-water habitat (depths greater than
32 30 feet). Although this zone has moderate use by rearing and outmigrating juvenile
33 salmonids, it was assigned a relatively low Fish Function Modifier for several reasons. The
34 mechanism of effect on salmonids is unique in this area (as discussed in Section 4.3.1), and
35 does not fit well into the project effects analysis, which uses calculations based entirely on
36 area. Therefore, the Fish Function Modifier in Zone 7 was adjusted downward for impact
37 analysis purposes.

1 Furthermore, the Fish Function Modifier also takes into account the vertical distribution of
2 fish in the water column in Zone 7. When considering Zone 7 from a plan view perspective
3 (the entire water column bounded by the zone limits), the use of the entire zone by salmonids
4 could be considered moderate. However, fish are not limited by depth; thus, their potential
5 exposure to the project structures in the zone is expected to be fairly low. Likewise, returning
6 adult salmonids are also able to use much of the water column during their spawning
7 migrations, not only the portions of the water column containing the pontoons or their
8 anchors. Therefore, the distribution of salmonids within Zone 7 that have the potential to be
9 affected by the project is low in comparison with other habitat types. For these reasons, Zone
10 7 was assigned a Fish Function Modifier of 0.1.

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Table 4-1. Proposed Scaling Factors and Criteria

Fish Function Modifier Score	Fish Function Modifier Criteria	Potential Impact Zones Within Category ^a
1 – Very High	Aquatic sites that are defined as critical migration or rearing areas for multiple species and stocks of juvenile salmon, or that serve as critical migration areas for multiple species and stocks of returning adults.	Zone 3 – Montlake Cut Zone 6 – West Approach
0.8 – High	Aquatic sites that are known to support documented spawning of at least one salmonid species, or Aquatic sites that serve as migration or rearing areas of considerable importance for one or more species of juvenile salmon, or that serve as migration areas of considerable importance for returning adults.	Zone 8 – East Approach
0.6 – Moderate	Aquatic sites that do not support salmon spawning, and where juvenile migration or rearing areas for juvenile salmonid species occurs, but where fish density, or temporal distribution of fish is lower compared to that of other sites.	Zone 2 – Portage Bay
0.1 – Low	Aquatic sites that do not support salmon spawning, and that have low or nominal use by salmonids for migration or rearing.	Zone 4 – Arboretum and Foster Island Zone 7 – Floating Bridge

^a Zones 1 (north Portage Bay) and 5 (Union Bay) do not have structural impacts; therefore, no Fish Function Modifiers were assigned to these zones.

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4.2 Impact Characterization and Impact Mechanisms

The mitigation team calculated primary mechanisms of effect on aquatic ecological habitat by overlaying the proposed design onto the project base maps of aquatic features. The team then determined affected habitat areas as the area of intersection of the two sets, or a zone of effect around design features (e.g., predator habitat around bridge columns). Effects were calculated based on the project action that will cause the effect, and were broken down by the type of ecological stressors that the project action will affect. Specifically, impact characterization is based on areal cover of over-water structures (representing shading, which has potential impacts to fish migration and predator–prey relationships) and in-water structures (representing displacement of benthic habitat, and alteration of habitat complexity, which has potential impacts to fish predator–prey relationships).

The existing bridge structure likely has some effect on fish due to these mechanisms, and its removal will eliminate those effects. Therefore, the methodology for assessing permanent impacts estimates the change in effects to fish as a result of the project. Impact calculations are based on the net change (future conditions minus existing conditions) of area affected by the project to account for the ecological benefits of removing the existing structures.

Unlike the regulatory process for wetland mitigation, federal and state regulations and guidance do not prescribe calculation metrics or mitigation formulas for the majority of the effects to aquatic habitat. In addition, many of the potential effects to fish and other aquatic species will be indirect, and will result from effects to organism behavior patterns or effects to fish predators or prey resources. For example, partial shading effects from the new bridge structures could alter the migration patterns or timing of juvenile salmon, or influence the distribution of their predators. These effects could ultimately change the success rate of juvenile salmon migrating to marine waters.

Salmon, in particular Chinook salmon, were chosen as key indicator species when studying the impact mechanisms of the SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project, because these species are the most studied in the watershed, and a comprehensive data set is available that links habitat variables in the watershed to salmonids (City of Seattle and USACE 2008; King County 2005). The key salmonid life history functions that will be affected are directly related to the life history phases of the affected fish. These functions are juvenile rearing/feeding, juvenile migration, and beach spawning (sockeye) (see Figure 4-2).

The measurable impacts that affect the life history functions of salmonids are benthic habitat loss (e.g., fill), and those mechanisms that can alter fish behavior or predator–prey interactions (e.g., over-water and in-water structures, which can both increase predation and result in migration alterations or delays). It is important to note that of the identified and measurable impact mechanisms, the only category that includes complete habitat loss is the

1 benthic habitat impact category. Shade and alteration of habitat complexity do affect fish,
2 but do not measurably diminish the amount of available habitat. The following text describes
3 each of these impact mechanisms in more detail.

4 **4.2.1. Benthic Habitat Impacts**

5 Biological effects to fish and benthic organisms come from the following:

- 6 • Temporary reduction in water quality associated with the installation and removal of
7 temporary piles.
- 8 • Temporary loss of benthic organisms and other prey due to disturbance of the lake
9 substrate.
- 10 • Permanent loss of benthic habitat from the installation of support columns and
11 floating bridge anchors.

12 Increased turbidity is likely to occur from some of these project activities, although the
13 distribution of the plumes will be limited due to the low-velocity water currents in the area.
14 The size of the sediment particles is typically correlated with the duration of sediment
15 suspension in the water column. Larger particles, such as sand and gravel, settle rapidly, but
16 silt and very fine sediment may be suspended for several hours.

17 Sediment put into suspension by bottom disturbance may adversely affect salmonids'
18 migratory and social behavior as well as their foraging opportunities (Bisson and Bilby 1982;
19 Sigler et al. 1984; Berg and Northcote 1985). However, this impact pathway is considered
20 temporary, and will be minimized by appropriate BMPs, as listed in Section 5.

21 Disturbed substrate sediments could have indirect effects on benthic flora and forage
22 organisms, including the elimination or displacement of established benthic communities and
23 thus a reduction in prey available for juvenile salmon. Suspended sediments can clog the
24 feeding structures of filter-feeding benthic organisms; this reduces their feeding efficiency
25 and increases their stress levels (Hynes 1970). However, benthic communities are expected
26 to recover relatively quickly after the disturbance, resulting in a short-term loss rather than
27 long-term loss. Also, there is no indication that prey abundance is a limiting factor in Lake
28 Washington for salmonids. Some of the highest recorded juvenile sockeye growth rates have
29 been observed in Lake Washington compared with the growth rates in other lacustrine
30 systems (Eggers et al. 1978; Edmondson 1994), and Chinook salmon exhibit exceptional
31 growth compared with growth in other populations (Koehler et al. 2006). Therefore, benthic
32 habitat disturbance and displacement are expected to have potential effects only on those
33 areas directly disturbed, and impacts to salmonid populations in Lake Washington and the
34 Ship Canal will be minor.

1 **4.2.2. Shading Impacts**

2 Numerous factors are believed to affect the migration of salmonids through Lake
3 Washington. It is unlikely that the presence of the existing bridge substantially affects most
4 of these factors. Such factors include physiological development (smoltification) of
5 migrating juvenile salmonids, overall water temperature of the lake and Ship Canal, and the
6 size and condition of the migrating fish. However, the bridge and in-water bridge structures
7 do present unnatural conditions in the migration corridor, which have the potential to alter
8 the behavior of migrating fish. Alteration of migratory behavior could cause the fish to
9 occupy or migrate through areas that are more or less productive than habitats they would
10 otherwise occupy, require different energy expenditure levels, or subject the fish to more or
11 less viable survival conditions.

12 The placement of permanent over-water structures will alter in-water shading intensities and
13 patterns. Shade effectively creates a different habitat type that contrasts with the adjacent
14 aquatic environment (lacking shade). In particular, the transition between light and shade
15 (described as the edge effect) is considered a potential influence on fish behavior and habitat
16 selection. The shadow cast by an over-water structure affects both the plant and animal
17 communities below the structure.

18 Factors that influence in-water shade levels include the width and over-water height of new
19 bridge decks, light diffraction (bending of light around an object) around the structures, light
20 refraction (change in speed and direction of light when travelling from one medium to
21 another, e.g., air to water), and the spatial alignment of the structures in relation to the path of
22 the sun.

23 These factors are expected to change during project construction as temporary structures
24 (e.g., work bridges) are built to facilitate construction, as the new bridge is constructed, and
25 as the existing bridge is removed. Therefore, the overall extent and duration of over-water
26 and in-water structures in the migration corridor will change over time, as will the potential
27 effects of these changing features on migration behavior throughout the construction and
28 operation phases of the SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project. Past studies of Lake Washington have
29 indicated that the influence of in-water shading on fish behavior is complex and variable, and
30 it may vary by species, time of year, and other factors.

31 New permanent fixed bridge structures will replace the existing Portage Bay Bridge and west
32 approach. When the impact of shading from permanent bridge structures is considered, it is
33 important to note that although these structures will be wider than the existing structure, they
34 will also be substantially higher. The Portage Bay Bridge will be 7 to 11 feet higher (moving
35 west to east) than the existing structure, and the new west approach structure will range in
36 height above the water surface from approximately 18 feet just east of Foster Island to
37 approximately 48 feet near the west transition span. Approximately 65% of the existing

1 structure (western portion) is less than 10 feet above the surface water elevation at high
2 water. This increase in height for the proposed structures will allow more ambient light under
3 the structures, and although they will be wider, the intensity of the light-dark transition will
4 be reduced overall.

5 Likewise, temporary over-water structures (work bridges) will also result in increased
6 shading in the work area, although recovery to non-shaded conditions will be instantaneous
7 and coincident with the removal of the structures. Furthermore, although work bridges tend
8 to be very low to the water (5 to 10 feet), they are relatively narrow (about 30 feet) and in the
9 case of the west approach, will extend only to approximately 10 feet of water depth. This
10 means that much of the primary migratory corridor will be free of obstruction by work
11 bridges, allowing fish to migrate around the work bridges, as fish have been documented to
12 do for docks and other structures.

13 **Shading and Effects on Outmigration**

14 Shading from the bridge may affect several different salmonid species and stocks;
15 particularly anadromous salmon produced in the Cedar River, because the proposed bridge
16 will cross the migratory path of all juvenile fish from the river's spawning grounds. The
17 bridge will cross the southeast edge of Union Bay, which serves as a migration corridor and
18 as a short-term (less than 24 hours) holding area (Celedonia et al. 2008a). The new bridge
19 will have an over-water approach structure at the edge of Union Bay, similar to the existing
20 structure in this area. Studies of site-specific migration in this area focused on juvenile
21 Chinook salmon, and these studies do not indicate that the existing bridge substantially alters
22 the migration paths or timing of Chinook juveniles (Celedonia et al. 2008a, 2008b, 2009).
23 As previously mentioned, the proposed bridge structure will be wider and higher above the
24 lake surface than the existing bridge. Current information does not indicate that these
25 differences are likely to substantially change the behavior of juvenile Chinook migrating
26 under the bridge.

27 Some juveniles pass directly under the bridge without delay, while others spend up to 2 hours
28 holding close to the bridge. These short delays are unlikely to result in detectable changes in
29 survival of Chinook or other juvenile salmon as they migrate through Lake Washington and
30 the Ship Canal. In-water and over-water structures could affect the rate and/or route of
31 juvenile outmigration. However, the specific effect will differ by species and by the
32 particular behavior patterns exhibited by individual fish. For some species and behavior
33 patterns (e.g., Chinook juveniles exhibit active migration behavior), migration rates could be
34 slowed slightly if fish tend to hold under a wider bridge deck for longer periods than they do
35 under existing conditions. This change is not readily quantifiable; it is expected to be
36 unmeasurable relative to existing conditions. Based on past studies, overall migration routes
37 are unlikely to change significantly because individuals will encounter a transition point (i.e.,
38 shadow boundary) similar to that of the baseline condition and are expected to react in a

1 similar manner. Therefore, the fish will pass through relatively quickly, move to deeper water
2 to pass, or will be inclined to hold and/or rear for some period of time. Because salmonids
3 can see in dim conditions, the information suggests that contrast in the boundary of shade
4 may be the primary factor affecting behavior. Once the transition is made, fish either appear
5 to move quickly through or hold in the shaded areas.

6 Celedonia et al. (2008b, 2009) showed that actively migrating fish demonstrated the three
7 commonly observed behavior types: (1) minimal response, (2) paralleling, or (3) meandering
8 or milling near the bridge after paralleling. The majority of fish that exhibited a holding
9 behavior crossed multiple times or were observed milling under the bridge. None of these
10 observations suggests that the width of the bridge shadow is influencing behavior. Spatial
11 frequency data suggest that the majority of fish are not selecting for habitat under the bridge,
12 so increased bridge width is not likely to result in a meaningful benefit in holding habitat.
13 The data suggest that the transition between light and shade and the sharpness of that contrast
14 may have the greatest influence on migration behavior.

15 **Biological Effects of Outmigration Delays**

16 A number of factors affect the migration rate and route of juvenile and adult salmonids
17 through Lake Washington. Such factors include depth preferences, temperature gradients,
18 macrophyte density, and size of the migrating fish. Although the project could incrementally
19 affect fish behavior in terms of these innate biological factors, information on fish behavior
20 in the project vicinity suggests that the existing structures do not result in substantial
21 alterations of migration behavior. The location of new bridge will overlap the location of the
22 existing bridge for a substantial portion of the primary juvenile migration route through the
23 project area (near the west high-rise). Therefore, individuals will encounter a similar
24 transition point (i.e., shade boundary) and similar depth conditions, although the extent and
25 density of aquatic macrophytes could change slightly due to the wider bridge structure.

26 Studies indicate that active migration behavior is predominant in juvenile Chinook as
27 opposed to holding behavior. Alteration of migration rate or migration route may result in
28 increased energy expenditures by actively migrating fish that exhibit paralleling behavior.
29 Relative to the overall energy expenditure (using time as a surrogate) of outmigration,
30 actively migrating juvenile Chinook are adding only minutes to a migration typically lasting
31 days to weeks. This change in the migration rate should not represent a significant disruption
32 to migration behavior. Gauging any potential increase in energy expenditure in actively
33 holding fish is speculative because they are likely taking advantage of foraging benefits
34 during the holding period. Current information suggests that holding fish will likely behave
35 in a manner similar to the current condition; moreover, the primary potential residual effect
36 on migration behavior for holding fish may result in exposure to increased mean water
37 temperatures from a later migration. The extent to which this effect may reduce survival is
38 likely highly variable and speculative.

1 The project team concluded that a relatively minor migration delay may result from the
2 increased shade from the new bridge structure. In many cases, this delay will have an
3 insignificant effect on juvenile survival and fitness. In other cases, slight reductions to
4 juvenile survival or fitness may result. However, several factors suggest that effects on
5 migration patterns will be moderated:

- 6 1. Data do not indicate that the existing bridge has a detrimental influence on the migration
7 behavior associated with adult or juvenile salmonids in the Lake Washington system.
- 8 2. Although the new structure will be wider, it will also be higher and will contain fewer
9 columns than the existing structure. This will produce narrower, more diffuse shadows
10 than the existing structure.

11 **4.2.3. Habitat Complexity-Predation Impacts**

12 The placement of temporary and permanent in-water structures will alter the structural
13 complexity of the aquatic habitat. The effects of these structures on benthic habitat are
14 discussed above; this section addresses the structures' effects on water column habitat.

15 Habitat complexity influences the behavior and distribution of fish, including both salmonids
16 and their predators. Project-related factors that influence this complexity are primarily the
17 amount of in-water structure per unit area and the spatial alignment of the structures in
18 relation to one another, such as distance between shafts (or columns) and the distance
19 between piers (span length).

20 Current information does not indicate that the existing bridge structure has any influence on
21 adult salmonids' predator-prey interactions in Lake Washington. Because the new structures
22 will be sufficiently similar in arrangement and size to the existing structures, they are not
23 likely to have a different influence on these predator-prey interactions.

24 Therefore, any effects on associated predator-prey distributions requiring compensatory
25 mitigation are expected to apply mainly to juvenile salmon outmigration. Any such effects
26 will likely be much reduced for older age classes and larger-size fish (such as residual
27 Chinook, steelhead, or coho). During outmigration, these larger fish are generally not
28 exposed to predation because of their limnetic distribution; they do not show the same
29 affinity for the shoreline as do smaller migrants such as 0-age Chinook salmon and sockeye.

30 The work bridges and the replacement bridge will result in substantial increases in shading
31 and habitat complexity in the project area. These conditions are expected to provide
32 additional predator habitat in the area during the proposed construction period, although the
33 long-term habitat conditions are expected to be similar to existing conditions.

34 Species known to prey on juvenile salmon include northern pikeminnow and smallmouth
35 bass. The data suggest that northern pikeminnow do not select areas near the bridge over

1 other habitat types. Studies found that this species was primarily concentrated at 4- to 6-
2 meter depths, and most commonly used habitat with moderately dense vegetation. Some
3 attraction to nighttime lights was noted, although this was inconsistent from year to year
4 (Celedonia et al. 2008a, 2008b, 2009). Although smallmouth bass showed an affinity for the
5 bridge columns, information suggests that their overall abundance is no greater at the bridge
6 than in other suitable habitat types. In addition to selecting the bridge columns as a structural
7 habitat component, smallmouth bass were found to prefer a depth of 4 to 8 meters and often
8 sparse vegetation or edge habitat associated with macrophytes. Moderately dense to dense
9 vegetation was used only occasionally. Neither pikeminnow nor smallmouth bass have been
10 shown to prefer the shade or cover provided by the overhead bridge structure.

11 The fewer and more widely spaced in-water columns of the proposed permanent bridge
12 structures are expected to generally reduce habitat complexity in the immediate area of the
13 bridge, although the columns will extend out. This alteration is not expected to substantially
14 affect the quality of predator and prey habitat provided by the permanent bridge structures.
15 With the exception of Zone 7 (Floating Bridge), the increased habitat complexity associated
16 with temporary structures will occur primarily in shallow water areas, which already contain
17 substantial complexity from aquatic macrophyte beds. An increase in bridge height could
18 allow more ambient light under the bridge and an increase in macrophyte density,
19 particularly along the southern exposure. An increase in height will also reduce the intensity
20 of cover caused by shading. This increase could in turn positively affect northern
21 pikeminnow habitat and negatively affect smallmouth bass habitat. Therefore, while the
22 project may slightly increase the quality of the available predator habitat in the project area,
23 this increase will generally be minor.

24 However, some proportion of outmigrating juvenile Chinook salmon (and possibly other
25 salmonid species) is likely to exhibit a holding behavior, resulting in increased residence time
26 around the west approach structure. Of those fish exhibiting holding behavior, some may
27 experience direct mortality via predation while holding near the structure, or a reduction in
28 overall fitness as suggested by later saltwater entry (Celedonia 2009).

29 Although impacts to the aquatic habitat are expected to occur due to increased shade and
30 structural complexity, several factors suggest that associated changes to predator-prey
31 relationships will be low:

- 32 1. The new bridge will represent an improvement over the baseline conditions because the
33 bridge is higher (although wider) and has fewer and more widely spaced in-water
34 structural elements, reducing the overall complexity per unit area.
- 35 2. Current data do not indicate that the existing bridge has an influence on predator-prey
36 relationships associated with adult salmonids.

1 4.2.4. Potential Effects on Adult Salmon

2 The impact mechanisms associated with the long-term operation of the project
3 (shading/migration effects, predation, and benthic fill) apply primarily to juvenile salmonids,
4 specifically to outmigrating fish. Adult salmonids are not expected to be measurably affected
5 by project operation because they are not rearing, nor are they subject to piscivory, and they
6 migrate through the project area quickly in deeper water. However, returning adults will be
7 migrating through the project area during a time when relatively intensive in-water
8 construction activities occur. Project avoidance and minimization measures will limit or
9 eliminate direct construction effects.

10 Data are insufficient to assess the potential influence of the existing west approach bridge
11 structure on the migration behavior of adult salmonids as they return to the Lake Washington
12 watershed to spawn. Most Lake Washington adult Chinook salmon adults are likely to
13 migrate through the action area from June through late September. However, individual adult
14 salmonids are expected to migrate relatively quickly through the project area, and in
15 relatively deep water (where water temperatures are cooler) away from the most intensive in-
16 water construction areas. This behavior is likely to minimize potential effects on adult
17 salmonids. The average time spent by adult Chinook salmon in the Lake Washington in 1998
18 was 2.9 days (Fresh et al. 1999). This tendency of adult salmonids to migrate quickly through
19 Lake Washington, once they begin moving, and their lack of dependence on shoreline
20 habitat, limit their susceptibility to construction and operation of the Evergreen Point Bridge
21 structures. The existing data indicate that adult salmon do not congregate within the west
22 approach/Union Bay area during their migration to spawning areas in the Lake Washington
23 basin. Available data do not indicate that returning adults respond to light and they are not
24 susceptible to piscivory in Lake Washington.

25 An analysis of the extent of project-related construction impacts concludes that returning
26 adult salmon will not be adversely affected. Through pre-project studies, including the test
27 pile project, WSDOT has sought to identify and demonstrate that best management practices
28 will minimize the potential for impacts to fish. Turbidity and noise observations during the
29 test pile project (Illingworth and Rodkin 2010) suggest that construction impacts from in-
30 water work activities are not expected to affect the primary migratory corridor for returning
31 adult salmonids. Research suggests that adult salmon use a migratory corridor with water
32 depths of approximately 20 feet or greater through the Ship Canal (Fresh et al. 1999).
33 WSDOT analyses show that underwater noise and turbidity will not exceed identified
34 thresholds within 300 feet of this migratory corridor in the Ship Canal. Although construction
35 activities will cross the migratory corridor in the west approach vicinity, this is after adult
36 fish have completed their migration through the Ship Canal, and adult fish are expected to
37 use deeper water in this area where the only in-water construction activities will be anchor
38 placement. Anchor placement occurs in Lake Washington in deep waters after adult salmon
39 have successfully migrated through the Ship Canal. As such, the potential for adult exposure

1 to construction-related impacts is considered to be very limited, and would most likely occur
2 in the deep anchor placement locations where avoidance would require little effort.

3 For these reasons, no causal link can be established from the project regarding potential
4 effects to adult fish, so direct compensatory mitigation for adults is not warranted. However,
5 WSDOT recognizes that returning adult fish in the Lake Washington Ship Canal are exposed
6 to potential stress due to degraded water quality conditions in this area (see Section 3.6.3 for
7 discussion). Therefore, while the proposed mitigation activities are generally focused on
8 offsetting impacts to future year-classes of juvenile salmonids, several mitigation actions are
9 included that will also directly and indirectly benefit adult fish in the unlikely event that adult
10 fish are affected by project construction activities.

11 **4.2.5. Potential Effects on Limnology**

12 In response to comments from the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Fisheries Division (MITFD) on
13 the potential effects of the floating span on lake circulation, WSDOT undertook a study to
14 evaluate the possibility of effects to aquatic life (WSDOT 2011e). A conceptual model was
15 developed to analyze the interaction of the proposed floating span on circulation and
16 temperature, and found that the floating span will not have measurable effects on these
17 limnological processes. As such, no impacts to aquatic life are anticipated from an alteration
18 of limnological process.

19 **4.3 Impact Assessment**

20 **4.3.1. Shading Impacts**

21 To calculate the shading impacts of the permanent and temporary over-water structures,
22 WSDOT first determined the total net acreage of (plan view) over-water structure resulting
23 from construction and operation of the project (Figure 4-2; Tables 4-2 and 4-3). This
24 calculation did not include the column and footing areas because these impacts were
25 calculated as a separate impact type (see Section 4.3.2, Benthic Habitat Impact). For each
26 impact type (permanent and temporary), the impacts were then sorted by Salmonid
27 Functional Zone and multiplied by the appropriate Fish Function Modifier (see Section 4.1).

28 Impacts to juvenile salmonids, if any impacts occur in this zone, are believed to be generally
29 limited to slight migration delays in the deep water habitat. Therefore, WSDOT used the
30 total area of the pontoon structures to calculate the shading (migration) impact. WSDOT
31 believes that this approach is a conservative approximation of environmental risks from the
32 floating bridge, which are insignificant and discountable.

33 For permanent shading, the modified acreages were then summed to produce a total impact
34 number (7.14 acres) that will require offsetting mitigation (see Table 4-2). For temporary
35 shading impacts, a similar process was used, but the modified acreage was calculated by year

1 (based on the area of over-water structure present during each construction year), and then
2 summed to yield a time-weighted impact number of 12.36 acre-years (see Table 4-3). One
3 acre-year is defined as one acre of impact over one year. This calculation takes into account
4 the cumulative temporal effect of multiple structures present for specific time periods.

5 As noted in Section 4.1, impact calculation for shading (as a surrogate for migration impacts)
6 in Zone 7 represents a special case, because unlike the other zones, any migration effects in
7 this area would be caused by an obstruction in open water habitat and not shading on an open
8 water column. Although the draft of the new pontoons will be slightly deeper than that of the
9 existing pontoons, migrating fish could still move under the structure, and/or orient along the
10 structure.

11 Additional over-water structure (potential shading impact) will result from construction of
12 the new maintenance dock. However, this impact is considered self-mitigating because
13 construction will require removal of two existing docks located directly under the new east
14 approach bridges. Removal of the southern dock will eliminate about 860 square feet of over-
15 water structure, while removal of the northern dock will benefit about 545 square feet of lake
16 habitat. These docks are constructed of creosote-treated timber and have wooden decking
17 with little to no space between the deck planks, both factors that are known to degrade
18 habitat quality for salmonids. Therefore, removal of these two structures (totaling 1,405
19 square feet in over-water area) will fully offset construction of the maintenance facility dock
20 (about 1,226 square feet of over water structure without grated decking). Approximately 1/3
21 of the decking will be grated, allowing a significant amount of ambient light to pass through.
22 The new maintenance dock will be constructed using materials that do not negatively affect
23 water quality. Finally, the maintenance facility dock will be generally higher off of the water
24 surface than the existing docks (also increasing ambient illumination), ranging from about 1
25 foot off the water at the lowest point, gradually rising up to about 7 feet above the water at
26 the shoreline. These actions will maintain or improve aquatic habitat conditions along the
27 shoreline area of the east approach.

28 Temporary shade impacts will result from the work bridges in Portage Bay, the west
29 approach, and the east approach, as well as the temporary widening of the existing Portage
30 Bay Bridge. Further review of the impact assessment methodology described in the
31 conceptual plan indicated that areas underneath the proposed bridge and work bridges were
32 calculated as both temporary and permanent impacts for the same areas. This plan reflects a
33 change to account for those areas affected only by the work bridges' temporary shade
34 impacts and the proposed bridge's permanent shade impact.

35 During the NRTWG process, WSDOT described the elevation of temporary and permanent
36 work bridges and explored whether higher bridges might have less impact on aquatic
37 resources. During these discussions it was established that work bridges would likely have
38 little clearance between the bottom of the structure and the water's surface, creating a high

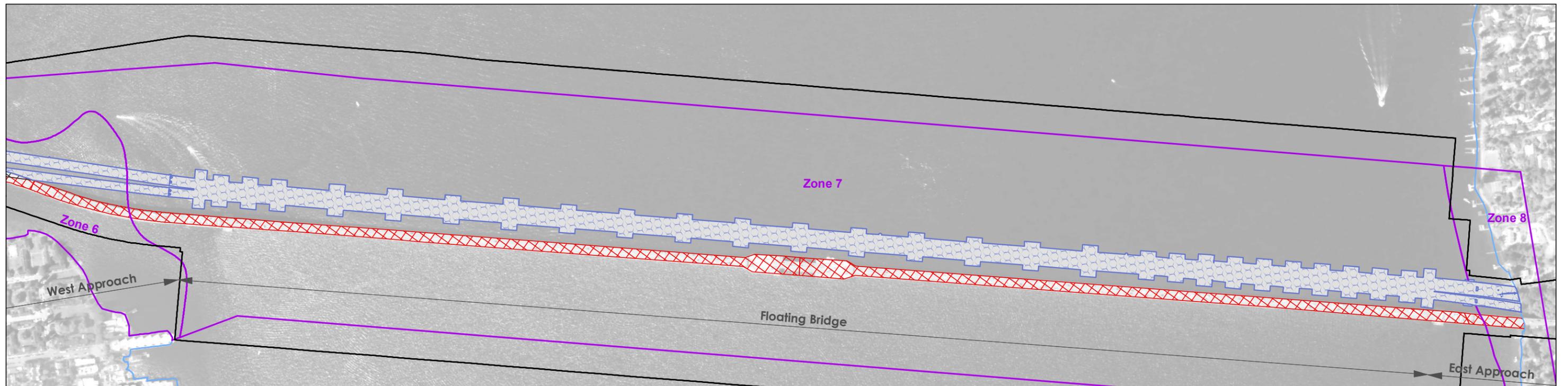
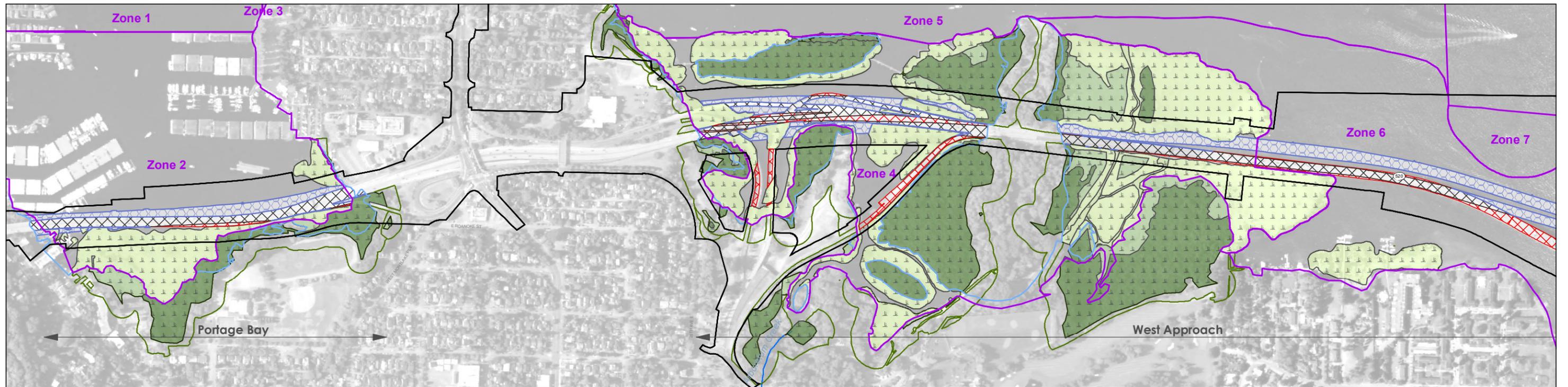
1 potential for shade impacts, whereas permanent bridges are expected to be considerably
2 higher, providing opportunities for direct and refracted light to limit shade intensity.
3 Ultimately, due to the complexities involved in analyzing shade impacts, the NRTWG group
4 concurred with considering all areas under bridge limits to be shaded and to require
5 equivalent impact quantification.

6 Shading impacts can be temporary or permanent, but not both. Therefore, aquatic habitat
7 areas under the proposed permanent bridge limits that are also under proposed work bridges
8 will be considered permanent shade impacts. The temporary shade impact quantities
9 contained in this document reflect the area of work bridges over aquatic habitat outside of the
10 proposed permanent bridge limits.

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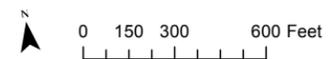


Figure 4-2
Proposed and Existing Shading Impacts

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1 **Table 4-2. Permanent Project Impacts**

Salmonid Use Ecological Zone	Existing Acreage	Proposed Acreage	Net Acreage	Fish Function Modifier	Permanent Impacts (acres) ^a
Permanent Shading Impacts					
Zone 8: East Approach	0.30	0.91	0.61	0.8	0.49
Zone 7: Floating Bridge	12.09	26.54	14.45	0.1	1.45
Zone 6: West Approach	2.61	5.28	2.67	1.0	2.67
Zone 4: Arboretum and Foster Island	7.22	8.50	1.28	0.1	0.13
Zone 3: Montlake Cut	0.14	0.18	0.18	1.0	0.18
Zone 2: Portage Bay	3.13	6.85	3.72	0.6	2.23
Total Permanent Shading Impacts					7.14
Permanent Benthic Impacts (includes impacts to sockeye spawning beach habitat)					
Zone 8: East Approach	0.18 ^b	0.01	0.00	0.8	0.00
Zone 7: Floating Bridge	0.02	0.49	0.47	0.1	0.05
Zone 6: West Approach	0.03	0.09	0.06	1.0	0.06
Zone 4: Arboretum and Foster Island	0.11	0.09	-0.02	0.1	0.00
Zone 2: Portage Bay	0.04	0.34	0.30	0.6	0.18
Total Permanent Benthic Impacts					0.29
Permanent Habitat Complexity Impacts					
Zone 8: East Approach	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.8	0.00
Zone 7: Floating Bridge	0.11	0.07	-0.04	0.1	0.00
Zone 6: West Approach	0.46	0.36	-0.10	1.0	-0.10
Zone 4: Arboretum and Foster Island	1.08	0.48	-0.60	0.1	-0.06
Zone 2: Portage Bay	0.37	0.25	-0.12	0.6	-0.07
Total Permanent Habitat Complexity Impacts					0.00^c
Grand Total Permanent Impacts Acres					7.43

2 ^a The sum of individual impact numbers may not equal the totals due to rounding.

3 ^b Impact value includes the area of the spread footing (0.17 ac) for the purposes of CWA Section 404 permitting. This acreage is not carried forward for permanent impact mitigation accounting purposes since the footprint of the spread footing will be restored. The 0.17 acre impact is carried forward for temporary impact mitigation purposes below in Table 4.3.

4 ^c The negative values for each zone are negative, as is the total. Therefore, permanent habitat complexity habitat conditions will improve, and no impact will result.

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10 **Table 4-3. Temporary Project Impacts**

Salmonid Use Ecological Zone	Sequence (Calendar Year)	Acreage	Fish Function Modifier	Modified Acreage	Impact Duration (Years)	Temporary Impacts (Acre-Year)
Shading Impacts						
Zone 8: East Approach	2012	0.19	0.8	0.15	1	0.15
	2013	0.19	0.8	0.15	1	0.15
	2014	0.19	0.8	0.15	1	0.15
	2015	0.0	0.8	0	1	0
	2016	0.0	0.8	0	1	0

Salmonid Use Ecological Zone	Sequence (Calendar Year)	Acreage	Fish Function Modifier	Modified Acreage	Impact Duration (Years)	Temporary Impacts (Acre-Year)
	2017	0.0	0.8	0	1	0
					Subtotal	0.46
Zone 7: Floating Bridge	2012	0.05	0.1	0.01	1	0.01
	2013	0.05	0.1	0.01	1	0.01
	2014	0.05	0.1	0.01	1	0.01
	2015	0	0.1	0	1	0
	2016	0	0.1	0	1	0
	2017	0	0.1	0	1	0
					Subtotal	0.02
.Zone 6: West Approach	2012	0	1.0	0.00	1	0.00
	2013	1.10	1.0	1.10	1	1.10
	2014	1.10	1.0	1.10	1	1.10
	2015	1.86	1.0	1.86	1	1.86
	2016	1.86	1.0	1.86	1	1.86
	2017	0.76	1.0	0.76	1	0.76
					Subtotal	6.68
Zone 4: Arboretum and Foster Island	2012	0	0.1	0.00	1	0.00
	2013	1.23	0.1	0.12	1	0.12
	2014	1.23	0.1	0.12	1	0.12
	2015	2.80	0.1	0.28	1	0.28
	2016	2.80	0.1	0.28	1	0.28
	2017	1.57	0.1	0.16	1	0.16
					Subtotal	0.96
Zone 2: Portage Bay	2012	0	0.6	0.00	1	0.00
	2013	1.99	0.6	1.19	1	1.19
	2014	2.16	0.6	1.30	1	1.30
	2015	2.16	0.6	1.30	1	1.30
	2016	0.69	0.6	0.41	1	0.41
	2017	0.30	0.6	0.18	1	0.18
					Subtotal	4.38
Total Shading Temporary Impacts						12.49
Benthic Impacts^a						
Zone 8: East Approach	2012	0.17 ^b	0.8	0.14	1	0.14
	2013	0.01	0.8	0.01	1	0.01
	2014	0.01	0.8	0.01	1	0.01
	2015	0.0	0.8	0	1	0.00
	2016	0.0	0.8	0	1	0.00
	2017	0.0	0.8	0	1	0.00
					Subtotal	0.16
Zone 7: Floating Bridge	2012	0.03	0.1	0.00	1	0.00
	2013	0.01	0.1	0.00	1	0.00
	2014	0.01	0.1	0.00	1	0.00
	2015	0	0.1	0.00	1	0.00
	2016	0	0.1	0.00	1	0.00
	2017	0	0.1	0.00	1	0.00

Salmonid Use Ecological Zone	Sequence (Calendar Year)	Acreage	Fish Function Modifier	Modified Acreage	Impact Duration (Years)	Temporary Impacts (Acre-Year)
Subtotal						0.01
Zone 6: West Approach	2012	0	1.0	0.00	1	0.00
	2013	0.04	1.0	0.04	1	0.04
	2014	0.04	1.0	0.04	1	0.04
	2015	0.07	1.0	0.07	1	0.07
	2016	0.07	1.0	0.07	1	0.07
	2017	0.03	1.0	0.03	1	0.03
Subtotal						0.25
Zone 4: Arboretum and Foster Island	2012	0.00	0.1	0.00	1	0.00
	2013	0.06	0.1	0.01	1	0.01
	2014	0.06	0.1	0.01	1	0.01
	2015	0.13	0.1	0.01	1	0.01
	2016	0.13	0.1	0.01	1	0.01
	2017	0.07	0.1	0.01	1	0.01
Subtotal						0.05
Zone 2: Portage Bay	2012	0.00	0.6	0.00	1	0.00
	2013	0.09	0.6	0.05	1	0.05
	2014	0.09	0.6	0.05	1	0.05
	2015	0.09	0.6	0.05	1	0.05
	2016	0.04	0.6	0.02	1	0.02
	2017	0.02	0.6	0.01	1	0.01
Subtotal						0.19
Total Benthic Temporary Impacts						0.65
Habitat Complexity/ Predator Impacts						
Zone 6: West Approach	2012	0	1.0	0.00	1	0.00
	2013	0.64	1.0	0.64	1	0.64
	2014	0.64	1.0	0.64	1	0.64
	2015	1.00	1.0	1.00	1	1.00
	2016	1.00	1.0	1.00	1	1.00
	2017	0.44	1.0	0.44	1	0.44
Total Habitat Complexity/ Predator Temporary Impacts						3.72
Grand Total Temporary Impacts						16.87

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^a Based on the absence of design information on the location of piles to support temporary work trestles, benthic habitat impacts were computed using the estimated pile area to work bridge area for the entire over-water structure area of the work bridge decks.

^b Represents the spread footing impact footnoted under Table 4-2.

1 **4.3.2. Benthic Habitat Impact**

2 Permanent benthic habitat impacts were calculated for permanent over-water structures by
3 first determining the total net acreage of benthic structures at all water depths less than 60 feet
4 (see Figure 4-3 and Tables 4-2 and 4-3). This depth cut-off was deemed appropriate by
5 NRTWG participants based on the life history of salmonids in the project area because these
6 salmonids do not use benthic habitat in these greater depths. These benthic habitat impacts
7 were weighted by their respective fish function modifier and summed to produce a total
8 impact of 0.29 acres that will require offsetting mitigation (see Table 4-2).

9 Temporary benthic impacts will result from the work bridges, mooring dolphins, cofferdams,
10 bridge footings at the east approach, and the temporary columns associated with the
11 temporary Portage Bay Bridge widening (2013) and the interim west approach connection
12 (anticipated in construction years 2015 and 2016). The bridge footings at the east approach
13 are considered a temporary benthic impact because they would be buried 8 to 10 feet below
14 mudline, and the affected substrate habitat would recover after installation. The
15 combination of the temporary construction elements would result in 0.64 acre-years of
16 impact.

17 **4.3.3. Habitat Complexity Impacts**

18 To calculate the impacts of the permanent in-water structures (columns and piers) on habitat
19 complexity (predation), WSDOT first determined the area of the predation zone around each
20 in-water structure. The predation zone area is based on data describing predator behavior
21 (discussed in Section 3) and is defined as the plan view distance of the portion of the water
22 body extending from the outside edge of a column or pier to a distance of 5 feet (i.e. a 5-foot
23 buffer around each vertical structure).

24 The 5-foot distance was chosen based on field observations and scientific studies of the
25 visual detection and reaction distances in piscivorous fish. For example, Sweka and Hartman
26 (2003) measured a maximum reactive distance for smallmouth bass of 65 centimeters (cm)
27 (2.1 feet) in clear water. The reactive distance decreased exponentially with increasing
28 turbidity. Similar reactive distances (between 0.8 and 6.6 feet) have been measured for
29 largemouth bass (Howick and O'Brien 1983; Savino and Stein 1989), with the vast majority
30 of strikes occurring within a distance of 5 feet. Based on these data, a predation zone of
31 5 feet was applied to each bridge column. For each Salmonid Functional Zone, the net
32 change in predation area was calculated and then multiplied by the appropriate Fish Function
33 Modifier (see Table 4-2).

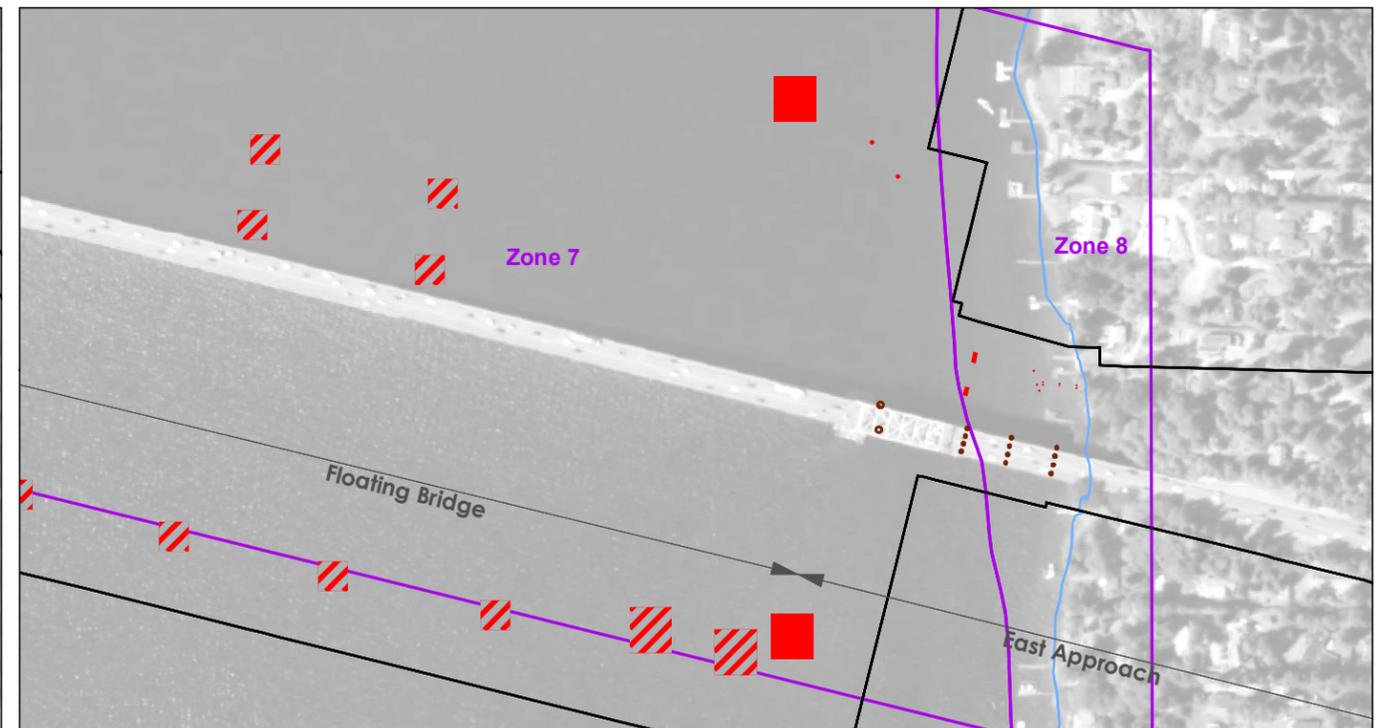
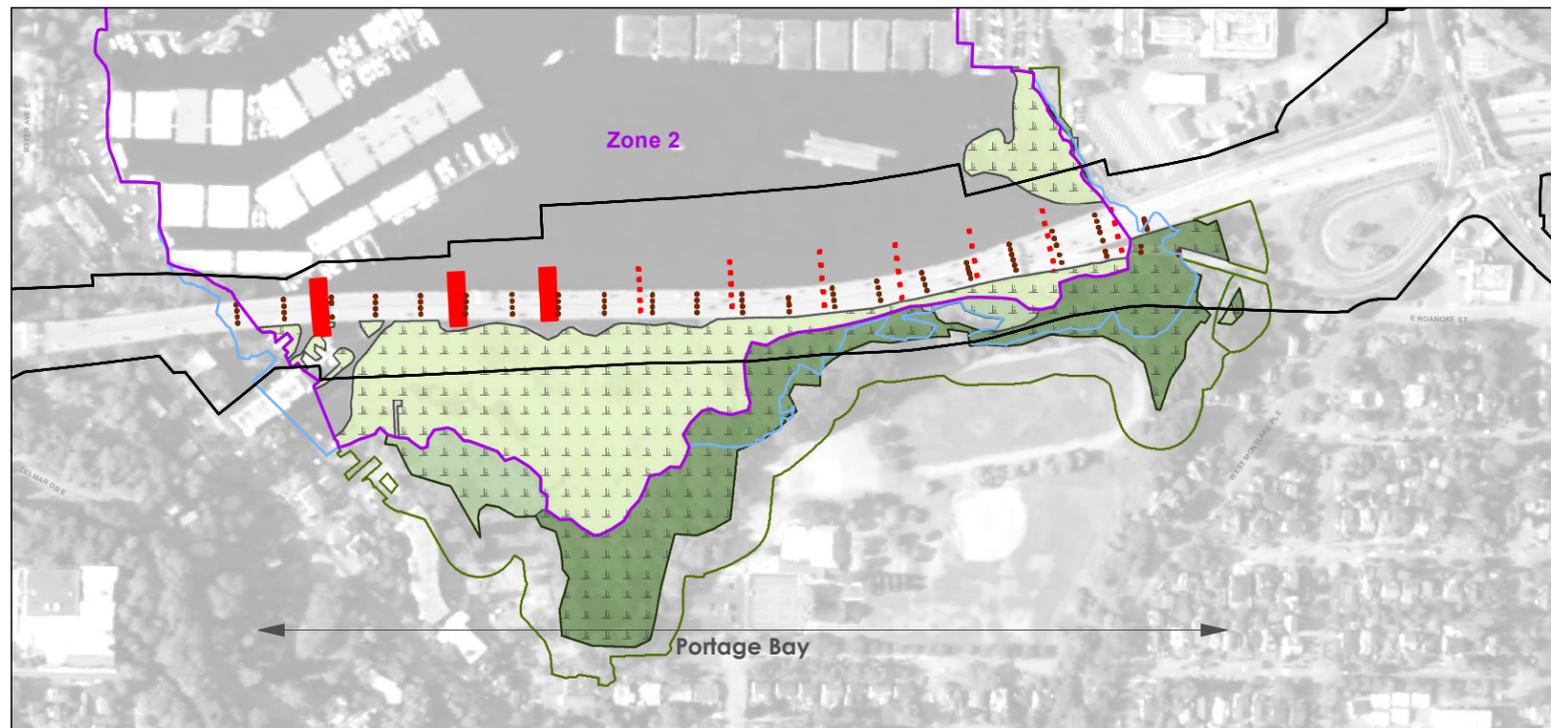
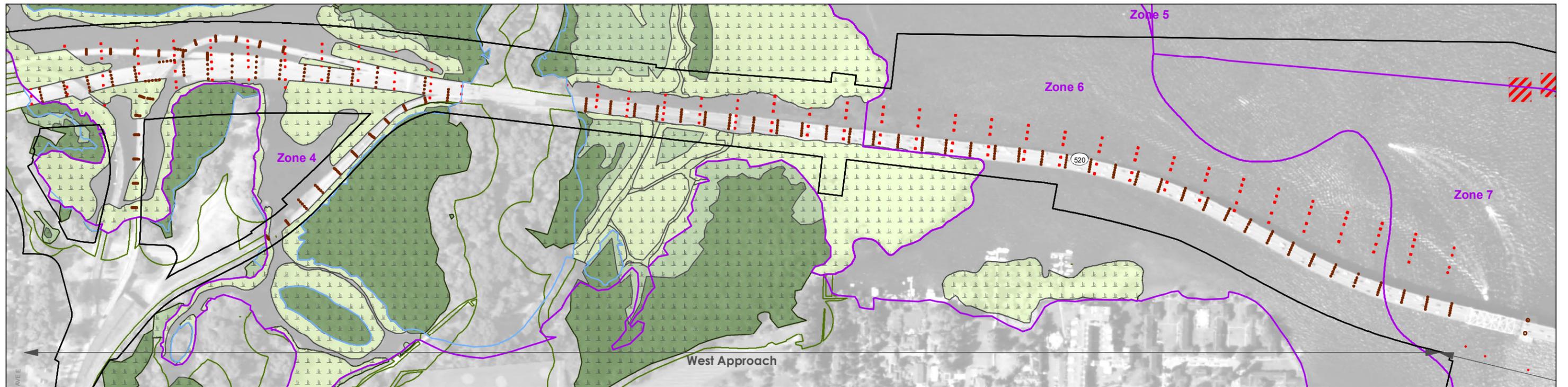
34 For permanent habitat complexity impacts, all modified acreages for each Salmonid
35 Functional Zone were negative. This indicates that the net predation area will decrease under
36 future conditions. Therefore, no compensatory mitigation is required (see Figure 4-4 and
37 Table 4-2). For temporary habitat complexity impacts, an identical method was used for

1 impact calculation, although temporary predation was calculated only for Zone 6, the west
2 approach, because it includes the only area where temporary in-water structure overlaps with
3 the primary outmigration route. The modified acreage was calculated by year (based on the
4 area of over-water structure present during each construction year), and then summed to yield
5 a time-weighted impact number of 3.72 acre-years (see Table 4-3).

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| — Limits of Construction | Wetland Class | ▨ Existing Benthic Fill |
| — Ordinary High Water Mark (18.57') | ▨ Aquatic Bed | ■ Proposed Benthic Fill |
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| ▭ Salmonid Use Ecological Zone | ▨ Forest/Shrub | Note: Below 60' depth, does not trigger compensatory mitigation |
| | ▨ Wetland Buffer | |

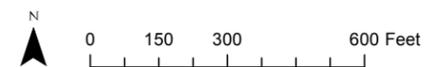


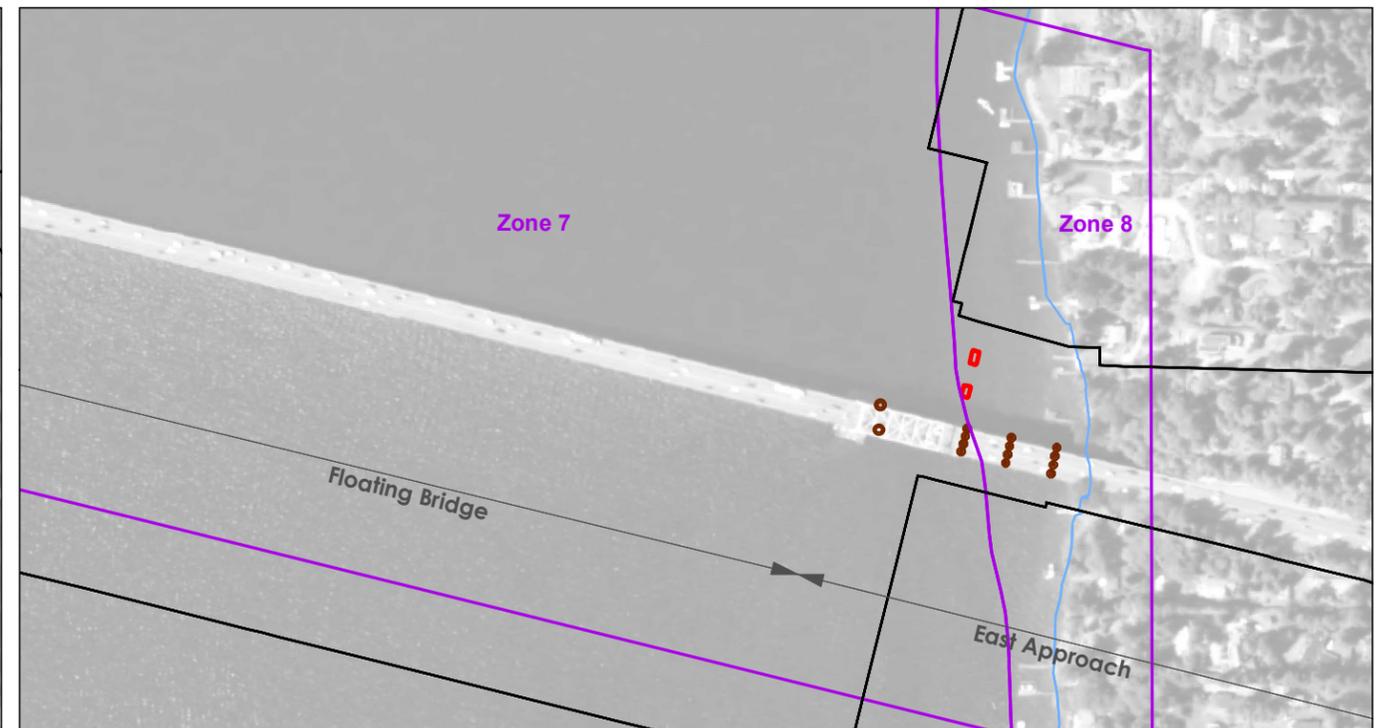
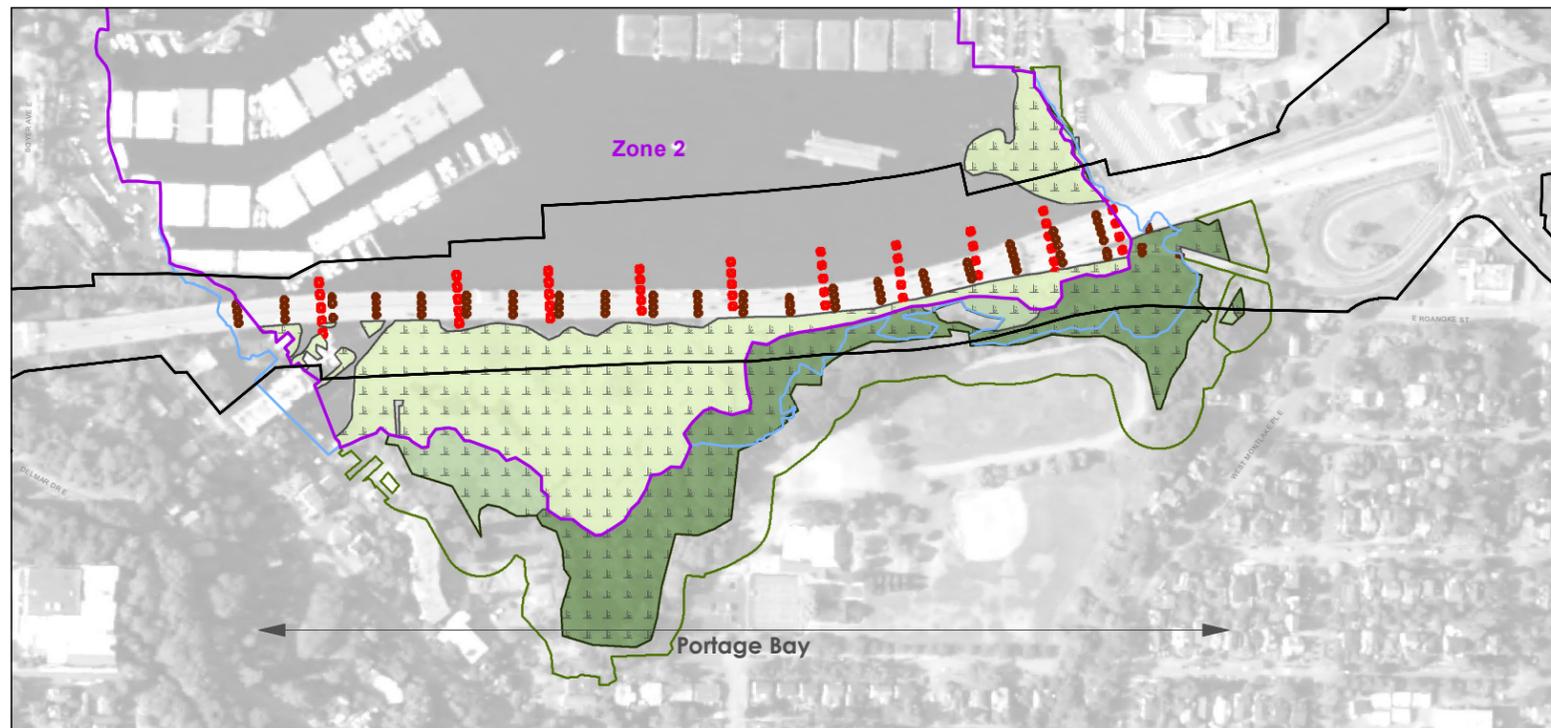
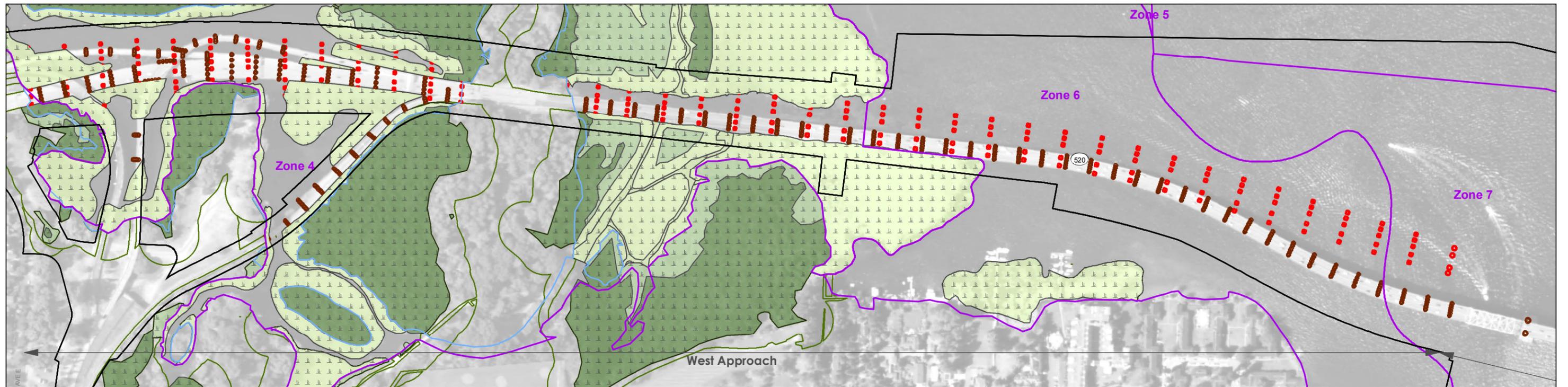
Figure 4-3
Proposed and Existing Benthic Fill Impacts

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| — Limits of Construction | Wetland Class | Potential Predator Habitat (Existing) |
| — Ordinary High Water Mark (18.57') | Aquatic Bed | Potential Predator Habitat (Proposed) |
| — Stream | Emergent | |
| Salmonid Use Ecological Zone | Forest/Shrub | |
| | Wetland Buffer | |

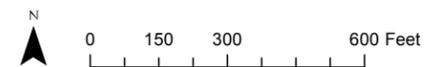


Figure 4-4
Proposed and Existing Predator Habitat Impacts

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1 **4.3.4. Impact Summary**

2 To determine overall project mitigation needs, the mitigation team summed the impact
3 calculations for shading, benthic fill, and structural complexity (see Tables 4-2 and 4-3).
4 Using the methods discussed above, permanent project impacts are 7.43 acres, while
5 temporary project impacts equate to 16.73 acre-years. The impact numbers were derived
6 using the habitat function and life history stage model presented in Section 3
7 (see Figure 3-2).

8 **Conservative Impact Analysis Assumptions**

9 The mitigation team believes these methods are appropriate to describe the primary impact
10 mechanisms, and that the methodology uses generally conservative assumptions and rules,
11 which tend to err on the side of overstating the potential impacts to fishery resources. Some
12 of the conservative assumptions used in impacts analysis are listed below.

13 **Over-water and structural complexity:** Under the methodology, over-water and structural
14 complexity impacts from temporary and permanent structures are effectively treated as
15 affecting 100% of both the available habitat and the associated habitat functions (for the time
16 frame they are physically present). That is, they are treated as if the affected habitat was
17 being removed or filled. In reality, although aquatic habitat functions will be affected, the
18 habitat will generally be available for use and will support salmonid life histories, albeit at a
19 somewhat reduced level. For example, juvenile salmonids will still migrate under the
20 permanent bridge and temporary work bridges, with many of these fish experiencing no
21 negative effects to survival or fitness. Also, although some increase in predation rate may
22 occur in the vicinity of the temporary and permanent structures compared to existing
23 conditions, the vast majority of rearing and migrating juveniles will not likely become prey
24 due to these structures.

25 **Benthic impacts:** Permanent impact calculations for benthic impacts were also conservative
26 because they included the area of column footings. Although the footings will initially
27 displace benthic habitat, over time the mudline will form over the footings as sediment is
28 redistributed. Final design may include the burial of mudline footings immediately following
29 construction, thereby immediately providing available substrate. Although the footing area
30 will provide at least some important benthic habitat functions over time, these areas were
31 counted in the total impact area.

32 **Shading impacts:** Under the methodology, permanent shading impacts are assessed using a
33 metric of net increase of over-water structure. This does not account for the net increase of
34 height, and therefore of light intensity, under the new bridge structure compared to the
35 existing structure. In addition, the gap between the north and south superstructures will also
36 allow a greater amount of light under the bridge. Although the exact change in light intensity
37 over the project area cannot be accurately calculated (and thus was not used for analysis

1 purposes), it is likely that under future conditions, the intensity of shading will be less than
2 under existing conditions, at least in key areas such as the west approach (Zone 6) or Portage
3 Bay (Zone 3).

4 At all permanent structures and temporary work bridges in the west approach area (Zone 6),
5 shading and structural complexity impacts were double-counted in cases where they
6 overlapped (each impact type was counted separately and summed). This approach is
7 conservative because an individual fish cannot be affected on multiple endpoints (e.g., both
8 survival and growth).

9 **Temporary work bridges:** Preliminary engineering on the configuration and extent of the
10 temporary work bridges was based on relatively conservative assumptions. Once final
11 engineering on the work bridges is complete and a contractor is chosen, there is a likelihood
12 that the extent (length) of the work bridges, and the associated over-water and in-water
13 structures associated with the work bridges will substantially decrease for reasons including
14 potential materials cost savings, schedule savings, and/or the use of different construction
15 methods.

16 **Fish Function Modifier:** Furthermore, in several cases the methodology took a conservative
17 approach to the assignment of Fish Function Modifiers by defaulting to the highest level of
18 salmonid use documented for any given area. For example, in Zone 2 (Portage Bay), the
19 entire zone was assigned a modifier of “moderate”, even though most studies have shown
20 only minor use of the zone’s shallower southern portion by juvenile and adult salmonids
21 (City of Seattle and USACE 2008).

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5. Mitigation Framework

The overall goal of WSDOT mitigation measures is to achieve no net loss of habitat functions and values. Mitigation for impacts to aquatic functions and values from the proposed project activities will be considered and implemented, where feasible, in the following sequential order:

1. Avoiding the impact altogether by not taking a certain action or parts of an action.
2. Minimizing impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action, and restoring temporary impacts.
3. Compensating for the impact by replacing or providing substitute resources or environments.

5.1 Avoidance of Aquatic Impacts – Design Features

The structures included in this project have been designed to avoid and minimize aquatic impacts whenever practicable. Specific design features to avoid and minimize effects on aquatic habitat are listed in the Ecosystems Discipline Report Addendum and Errata (WSDOT 2011f) and described in the following sections.

5.1.1. In-water Structures

An increased span length has reduced the number of in-water structures, relative to the existing condition. The use of precast girders will eliminate the need for falsework in most locations. Columns will be spaced farther apart, relative to the existing condition. Piers that require footers will be avoided, when possible. When structure foundations require footings, mudline footings or spread footings will be installed. Mudline footings will result in a reduction of in-water structure and shading compared to waterline footings. The footings will be installed below the mudline, allowing for natural deposition on top of the footing. Finally, the length and over-water coverage of the maintenance dock was designed with the minimum dimensions necessary to provide its required function. The size and number of pilings have been minimized to the most practicable extent. A detailed description of in-water structures in each project area is included in Section 2.1 and in the biological assessment (WSDOT 2010a).

5.1.2. Shading

Shading from over-water structures can delay juvenile salmonid migration by invoking a behavioral response such as milling, paralleling, or holding, and because a shade edge provides a foraging opportunity (see Section 4.2.2 for a discussion). Piscivorous fishes also use this shade edge to forage, thereby increasing the risk of predation on juvenile salmonids.

1 The shading intensity and sharpness of the shade edge is attenuated by increasing bridge
2 height and reducing bridge width (see Section 4.2.2 for discussion).

3 The Portage Bay, west approach, and east approach bridges will be wider, but significantly
4 higher than the existing structures (see Table 5-1, and Figures 2-2, 2-3, and 2-4). Increasing
5 bridge width can increase shading intensity. The proposed widths of the Portage Bay, west
6 approach, and east approach bridge structures are greater than the existing widths, even
7 though the number of lanes and shoulder widths have been minimized. The west approach
8 bridge will have a gap between eastbound and westbound lanes, further minimizing shading
9 intensity. A detailed description of bridge height and width for each project area is included
10 in Section 2.1 and in the biological assessment (WSDOT 2010a).

11 **Table 5-1. Proposed Changes to Bridge Height Over Water (feet)**

Statistic	Portage Bay		West Approach		East Approach	
	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed
Minimum	6	16	4	12	52	66
25th Percentile	8	19	5	21	NA ^a	NA ^a
75th Percentile	37	35	21	42	NA ^a	NA ^a
Maximum	63	63	45	49	64	78

^a Percentiles were based on bridge height at pier locations. The proposed East Approach structure only has one pier. Therefore, no percentiles were calculated.

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13 **5.1.3. Stormwater Discharge**

14 The proposed stormwater management condition will be substantially improved over the
15 existing condition. All new pollutant-generating impervious surfaces (PGIS) will receive
16 stormwater quality treatment. Enhanced stormwater treatment will occur where possible.
17 Stormwater treatment includes the combined sewer system, conventional treatment BMPs,
18 and—in the case of the floating bridge portion of the project—an innovative stormwater
19 treatment approach identified in an “all known, available, and reasonable technology”
20 (AKART) study (WSDOT 2010c).

21 Existing areas that will not receive post-construction treatment are primarily areas associated
22 with restriping activities in the I-5 interchange. Project-related stormwater will be treated by
23 facilities designed on the basis of the requirements in the 2008 WSDOT *Highway Runoff*
24 *Manual* (HRM) and the WSDOT *Hydraulics Manual*. New and replaced PGIS requires
25 stormwater treatment to a basic level of treatment for Lake Union and Lake Washington. The
26 project will also be providing enhanced treatment for stormwater discharge from SR 520 into
27 Lake Washington to further minimize any effects on the lake due to dissolved metals.

28 Stormwater discharge impacts will be minimized because of outfall location and design.
29 New outfalls will be located at or near existing outfalls. Outfall discharge and energy

1 dissipation will occur above the OHWM. Discharged stormwater will be conveyed to the
2 lake. Revegetation will occur between outfalls and water bodies.

3 A detailed description of operational stormwater treatment and management is in section
4 2.3.1 and the biological assessment (WSDOT 2010a).

5 **5.1.4. Lighting**

6 The proposed lighting plan has minimized the number of luminaires to occur in areas of
7 potential traffic conflicts such as merge lanes and transit stops. The number of luminaires
8 will be decreased from 124 under existing conditions to 79 for the proposed condition. A
9 photometric analysis has concluded that light spillage from proposed luminaires will be
10 limited to areas of lesser importance to juvenile salmonids, and none will occur in Zone 6
11 along the west approach. Where proposed, cut-off light fixtures with shielding will be used
12 when fixtures are adjacent to water. Cut-off lights focus on the target area, reducing the
13 amount of light that shines outside the bridge roadway onto the water surface. Lights will be
14 placed on the center median whenever possible to limit light spillage. During bridge
15 operation, nighttime lighting on water surfaces will be avoided or minimized where feasible,
16 and the net effect of light spillage will be an improvement over the baseline condition. A
17 detailed description of proposed roadway lighting is included in Section 2.32 and in the
18 biological assessment (WSDOT 2010a).

19 **5.2 Avoidance of Aquatic Impacts – Construction Timing**

20 WSDOT has been collaborating in research that improves our understanding of juvenile
21 Chinook distribution, movement, and transit time through the project area (Tabor et al.
22 2010a; Celedonia et al. 2008a; 2008b). Juvenile Chinook are the most vulnerable to the
23 presence of in-water structures and construction impacts because of their small size during
24 migration. These tracking studies confirmed the benefit of previously published work
25 periods, and also contributed to the basis of the project impact assessment (see Section 4).

26 The construction schedule has been optimized to limit the number of construction years.
27 Seasonal restrictions (i.e., work windows) will be applied to the project to avoid or minimize
28 potential impacts to fish species based on the Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) issued by
29 WDFW. The in-water work windows vary between water bodies (Table 5-2). The in-water
30 work window is timed to protect peak abundances of juvenile and adult salmonids.

31 In-water construction will adhere to the proposed in-water construction timing shown in
32 Table 5-2. The proposed dates were developed through a series of in-water construction
33 Technical Work Group meetings attended by representatives from WSDOT, the United
34 States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS),
35 the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe,
36 and local fish experts. Each in-water construction period is predicated on the nature of the

- 1 construction activity, the habitat function zones described in Section 3.5.2, and the expected
- 2 timing of fish use in the habitat function zone.

3 **Table 5-2. Proposed In-Water Construction Periods for the Various Project Elements**

Project Element	Proposed In-Water Construction Timing
Portage Bay ^a	
Work bridge/falsework pile installation	September 1 to April 30
Work bridge deck	N/A
Cofferdam – vibratory	August 16 to April 30
Mudline footings in cofferdam	N/A
Drilled shaft – vibratory	August 16 to April 30
Bridge superstructure	N/A
Materials transport	N/A
Column demolition	N/A
Pile removal	August 16 to April 30
Cofferdam removal	August 16 to April 30
Union Bay and West Approach – Salmonid Habitat Zone 4 ^b	
Work bridge pile installation	September 1 to April 30
Work bridge deck	N/A
Drilled shaft – vibratory	N/A
Bridge superstructure	N/A
Materials transport	N/A
Column demolition	N/A
Pile removal	N/A
West Approach – Salmonid Habitat Zone 6 ^b	
Work bridge pile installation	October 1 to April 15
Work bridge deck	N/A
Drilled shaft --vibratory	August 1 to March 31
Bridge superstructure	N/A
Materials transport	N/A
Column demolition	N/A
Pile removal	August 1 to March 31
West Approach Connection Bridge ^b	
Work bridge deck	N/A
Drilled shaft – vibratory	August 1 to March 31
Bridge superstructure	N/A
Materials transport	N/A
Column demolition	N/A

Project Element	Proposed In-Water Construction Timing
Floating Bridge ^b	
Temporary pile anchors – vibratory	July 16 to March 15
Gravity or shaft anchor installation – west end	July 16 to March 15
Gravity or shaft anchor installation – east end	July 16 to June 15
Fluke anchor installation	N/A
Pontoon assembly	N/A
Bridge outfitting/superstructure	N/A
Materials transport	N/A
Pile removal	July 16 to March 15
East Approach ^c	
Work bridge/falsework/ maintenance dock pile installation	August 16 to March 15
Work bridge deck	N/A
Cofferdam – vibratory	September 1 to May 15
Mudline footings in cofferdam	N/A
Drilled shaft – vibratory	September 1 to May 15
Bridge superstructure	N/A
Materials transport	N/A
Column demolition	N/A
Pile removal	July 1 to March 15
Cofferdam removal	July 1 to March 15

^a Published In-Water Construction Timing October 1 to April 15

^b Timing July 16 to March 15 north of bridge and July 16 to April 30 south of existing bridge

^c Published In-Water Construction Timing July 16 to March 15

N/A = not applicable

Note: In-water construction windows are not proposed for the Ship Canal because all construction related to the Montlake Bascule Bridge will occur above water or from a barge.

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2 **5.3 Minimization of Impacts during Construction**

3 BMPs will be used during all construction activities to eliminate or minimize potential
4 environmental effects. Many of these BMPs are standard and will apply universally too many
5 project construction activities, including upland staging areas. The following section
6 discusses provisional BMPs that WSDOT anticipates will be included as construction
7 commitments for the project. A detailed description of construction methods that avoid or
8 minimize aquatic impacts is described in the project biological assessment (WSDOT 2010a).

1 Monitoring will occur during construction to measure BMP efficacy. Activities will be
2 adjusted as necessary, depending on monitoring results. Environmental performance (e.g.,
3 turbidity, underwater noise, water quality) will be reviewed during initial construction
4 activities. Turbidity and noise will be monitored before and during construction. If
5 environmental results are unsatisfactory during construction, subsequent similar activities
6 will be implemented in a more conservative fashion to minimize these impacts.

7 **5.3.1. Temporary Stormwater Management Strategy**

8 The project's temporary stormwater management strategy is to reduce the risk of potential
9 pollutants being discharged to a watercourse that may cause or contribute to the exceedances
10 of water quality standards during construction and demolition activities. The strategy is to
11 use BMPs and adhere to regulatory requirements to manage construction-related stormwater
12 runoff and thereby minimize environmental impacts. The plan will include planning system
13 design and water quality monitoring and sampling. The components of the temporary
14 stormwater management strategy are listed below.

15 **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan**

16 A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is prepared to meet National Pollutant
17 Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for stormwater discharges at
18 construction sites. The SWPPP will address the following elements:

- 19 • Planning and organization
- 20 • Formation of a pollution prevention team
- 21 • Building on pre-existing plans
- 22 • Assessment
- 23 • Development of a site plan
- 24 • Material inventory
- 25 • Record of past spills and leaks
- 26 • Non-stormwater discharges
- 27 • Site evaluation summary
- 28 • BMP identification

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- 1 • Preventive maintenance
- 2 • Spill prevention and response
- 3 • Sediment and erosion control
- 4 • Management of runoff
- 5 • Implementation
- 6 • Implementation of appropriate controls
- 7 • Employee training
- 8 • Evaluation and monitoring
- 9 • Annual site compliance evaluation
- 10 • Recordkeeping and internal reporting
- 11 • Plan revisions

12 **Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan**

13 A Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control (TESC) Plan will be prepared and implemented
14 to minimize and control pollution and erosion from stormwater runoff. Temporary erosion
15 and sediment control is required to prevent erosive forces from damaging project sites,
16 adjacent properties, and the environment. The TESC plan will address the following
17 elements:

- 18 • Marking clearing limits
- 19 • Establishing construction access
- 20 • Controlling flow rates
- 21 • Installing sediment controls
- 22 • Stabilizing soils
- 23 • Protecting slopes
- 24 • Protecting drain inlets

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- 1 • Stabilizing channels and outlets
- 2 • Controlling pollutants
- 3 • Controlling dewatering
- 4 • Maintaining BMPs
- 5 • Managing the project

6 **Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan**

7 WSDOT requires the implementation of a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures
8 (SPCC) Plan on all projects to prevent and minimize spills that may contaminate soil or
9 nearby waters. The plan is prepared by the contractor as a contract requirement and is
10 submitted to the project engineer prior to commencement of any on-site construction
11 activities.

12 Spill avoidance and containment BMPs will include the following:

- 13 • Maintain all construction equipment to minimize the risk of fuel and fluid leaks or
14 spills.
- 15 • Implement spill control and emergency response plans for fueling and concrete
16 activity areas. All spill-control materials will be present on the site prior to and during
17 construction.
- 18 • If a leak or spill should occur, cease all work until the source of the leak is identified
19 and corrected and the contaminants have been removed from the site.
- 20 • Clean all equipment that is used for in-water work prior to operations waterward of
21 the OHWM. Remove external oil and grease as well as dirt and mud. Prohibit the
22 discharge of untreated wash and rinse water into local waters. Ensure that all
23 construction equipment working in the water, particularly pile-driving machines use
24 vegetable-based hydraulic fluid.
- 25 • Conduct refueling activities within a designated refueling area away from the
26 shoreline, streams, or any designated wetland areas.
- 27 • Minimize refueling activities on work bridges whenever feasible, and ensure that
28 appropriate spill containment and cleanup equipment is on hand and in use as needed
29 during any refueling of equipment on work bridges.

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- 1 • Inspect daily all vehicles operating within 150 feet of any water body for fluid leaks
2 before vehicles leave the staging area. Repair any leaks detected before the vehicle
3 resumes operation. When vehicles are not in use, store them in the vehicle
4 staging area.
- 5 • Modify off-pavement construction entrances according to WSDOT standard plans to
6 reduce the spread of dirt from the project site.

7 **Concrete Containment and Disposal Plan**

8 A Concrete Containment and Disposal Plan will be developed to maintain water quality
9 when handling and managing concrete. The plan will be used during construction of bridge
10 columns and their footings, and also during demolition of the existing bridge.

11 **Water Quality Sampling, Recording, and Reporting Procedures**

12 All projects with greater than 1 acre of soil disturbance, except federal and tribal land, that
13 may discharge construction stormwater to Waters of the State are required to seek coverage
14 under the NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit. Sampling guidance for meeting
15 permit requirements is listed in WSDOT's HRM (2008), Section 6-8.

16 **5.3.2. Land-Based Construction – Best Management Practices**

17 The following BMPs and procedures are to be implemented for the proper use, storage, and
18 disposal of materials and equipment on land-based construction limits, staging areas, or
19 similar locations that minimize or eliminate the discharge of potential pollutants to a
20 watercourse or Waters of the State. These procedures will be implemented for construction
21 materials and wastes (solid and liquid), soil or dredging materials, or any other materials that
22 may cause or contribute to exceedance of water quality standards.

23 *Upland construction BMPs will involve the following:*

- 24 • Clearly define construction limits with stakes and a high visibility fence before
25 beginning ground-disturbing activities. No disturbance will occur beyond these limits.
- 26 • Minimize vegetation and soil disturbance to the extent possible.
- 27 • Avoid or reduce adverse impacts to critical areas during project construction,
28 including shoreline buffers. These measures will include clearing, grading, and
29 stormwater management.
- 30 • Protect designated sensitive areas, including the shoreline, with silt fencing. All silt
31 fencing will be removed when construction is completed.

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- 1 • Control all stormwater discharges from construction sites and ensure that NPDES
2 permit requirements are met.
- 3 • Use construction BMPs to control dust and limit impacts to air quality; these BMPs
4 include the following:
- 5 • Wet-down fill material and dust on-site.
- 6 • Ensure adequate freeboard to prevent soil particles from blowing away during
7 transport.
- 8 • Remove dirt, dust, and debris from the roadway on a regularly scheduled basis in
9 accordance with final permitting requirements.
- 10 • Minimize potential erosion from areas of disturbed soil by stabilizing and/or
11 revegetating cleared areas in accordance with the TESC Plan.
- 12 • Wet-down concrete structures during demolition activities.

13 **5.3.3. Over-Water Work – Best Management Practices**

14 The following BMPs and procedures are expected to be implemented at a minimum for the
15 proper use, storage, and disposal of materials and equipment on barges, boats, temporary
16 construction pads (e.g., work bridges), or at similar locations that minimize or eliminate the
17 discharge of potential pollutants to a watercourse or to Waters of the State. These procedures
18 will be implemented for construction materials and wastes (solid and liquid), soil or dredging
19 materials, or any other materials that may cause or contribute to exceedance of water quality
20 standards.

21 **Barge Moorage**

22 During the primary juvenile outmigration period of April 15 to September 1, a 100-foot wide
23 unobstructed corridor will be maintained between moored barges or between barges and
24 work bridges in the primary outmigration corridor through the west approach and east
25 approach areas. Moorage of barges in the Montlake Cut of the Ship Canal will be avoided
26 from April 1 through September 15.

27 **Construction Lighting**

28 Construction lighting will be limited to areas of active work and directed at work surfaces.
29 To the extent practicable, construction lighting will be shielded to minimize spillage onto
30 adjacent waters.

1 **Watertight Curbs, Bull Rails, or Toe Boards**

2 Watertight curbs, bull rails, or toe boards will be installed around the perimeter of a work
3 bridge, platform, or barge to contain potential spills and prevent materials, tools, and debris
4 from leaving the over-water structure. These applications will be installed with a minimum
5 vertical height of 10 inches.

6 **Oil Containment Boom**

7 An oil containment boom is a floating barrier that can be used to contain oil, and aids in
8 preventing the spread of an oil spill by confining the oil to the area in which it has been
9 discharged. The purpose of containment is not only to localize the spill and thus minimize
10 pollution, but to assist in the removal of the oil.

11 **Floating Sediment Curtain**

12 These barriers can aid in controlling the settling of suspended solids (silt) in water by
13 providing a controlled area of containment. This condition of suspension (turbidity) is
14 usually created by disrupting natural conditions through construction or dredging in the
15 aquatic environment. The containment of settleable solids is desirable to reduce the impact
16 area.

17 **Tie-Downs**

18 Tie-downs can be used to secure all materials, which can aid in preventing discharges to
19 receiving waters via wind.

20 **Absorbent Materials**

21 Absorbent materials will be placed under all vehicles and equipment on docks, barges, or
22 other over-water structures. Absorbent materials will be applied immediately on small spills,
23 and promptly removed and disposed of properly. An adequate supply of spill cleanup
24 materials, such as absorbent materials, will be maintained and available on-site.

25 **Equipment Maintenance and Inspection**

- 26 • Vehicle and construction equipment inspection will occur daily. Vehicles will be
27 inspected prior to entering any over-water work zone. Vehicles and equipment will be
28 kept clean of excessive build-up of oil and grease.
- 29 • Land-based fueling stations will be used to the extent practicable.
- 30 • Off-site repair shops will also be used to the extent practicable. These businesses are
31 better equipped to properly handle vehicle fluids and spills. Performing this work off-
32 site can also be economical by eliminating the need for a separate maintenance area.
33 If a leaking line cannot be repaired, the equipment will be removed from over-water
34 areas.

- 1 • If maintenance must take place on-site, only designated areas away from drainage
2 courses will be used. Dedicated maintenance areas will be protected from stormwater
3 run-on and runoff.

4 **Cover and Catchment Measures**

5 Portable tents, drop cloths, tarps, blankets, sheeting, netting, and plywood panels will be used
6 to cover work areas, temporary stockpile materials, or demolition debris. Nets, tarps,
7 platforms, scaffolds, blankets, barges, and/or floats will be used to contain and control debris
8 beneath structures being constructed or demolished. Vacuums, diverters, squeegees,
9 absorption materials, holding tanks, and existing drainage systems will be used to control and
10 contain concrete-laden water. These BMPs will also facilitate the suppression and dispersal
11 of fugitive dust generated from the demolition process.

12 **Construction Water Treatment Systems**

13 These systems generally consist of temporary settling storage tanks, filtration systems,
14 transfer pumps, and an outlet. The temporary settling storage tank provides residence time
15 for the large solids to settle out. The filtration system will be provided to remove additional
16 suspended solids below an acceptable size (typically 25 microns). The pumps provide the
17 pressure needed to move the water through the filter and then to an acceptable discharge
18 location. Once the solid contaminants are filtered out, the clean effluent is then suitable for
19 discharge to a municipal storm drain or an acceptable discharge location. These systems will
20 be located on work bridges and barges.

21 **Spill Containment Kits and Containment Products**

22 These pre-manufactured products will aid in spill containment and cleanup. These kits and
23 products will be kept on-site and within construction vehicles for easy deployment.

24 **Alternative Lubricants and Fuels**

25 Eco-friendly lubricants and fuel sources (e.g., vegetable-based) will be used for in-water and
26 over-water construction where practicable.

27 **Barges and Floats**

28 Barges and floats can be used to store stockpiled materials, store construction equipment,
29 stage construction activities, transport demolition debris, and store water containment
30 systems and water storage tanks. The barges and floats can also be used as a catchment for
31 demolition debris if located below a proposed demolition activity.

32 Protection will be required to prevent debris or water from entering adjacent live traffic lanes
33 and prevent the spread of such material over a larger area. The prevention of such
34 occurrences can be accomplished by using temporary barriers and protective panels, and
35 containing or vacuuming water from concrete saw usage.

1 **5.3.4. In-Water Work – Best Management Practices**

2 In addition to applicable BMPs described above for over-water work, the following BMPs
3 apply where demolition or construction activity will occur in Waters of the State. These
4 procedures will be implemented to contain construction materials and wastes (solid and
5 liquid), soil or dredging materials, or any other materials that may cause or contribute to the
6 exceedances of water quality standards. Equipment that enters waterways will be maintained
7 such that no visible sheen from petroleum products appears within waterways. If a sheen
8 appears around equipment in the water, the equipment will be contained within an oil boom
9 and shall be removed from the water, cleaned, and/or maintained appropriately.

10 **Construction Work Bridges, Over-water Staging Areas, and Barges**

11 Work over open water will be accomplished from work bridges, barges, or over-water
12 staging areas. Construction will be done from barges where feasible, because of their
13 relatively small impact. The impacts are relatively small because they will result in only
14 limited disturbance of the substrate; and they are likely to remain in any one place for a
15 shorter time than the work bridges. The extent of work bridges has been estimated with an
16 assumption that construction barges cannot travel into waters less than 10 feet deep.
17 However, contractors will be allowed to use barges at shallower depths if they have
18 equipment capable of safely navigating and operating in shallow waters (WSDOT 2010d).
19 Where the lake depth is too shallow for barges to operate, temporary work bridges will be
20 constructed. Portage Bay, Union Bay, west approach, and the east approach areas all have
21 shallow waters that are inaccessible by barge and will require work bridges. In addition, a
22 work bridge across Foster Island will be constructed instead of temporary work roads,
23 thereby reducing temporary clearing. The quantity of work bridges in the east approach has
24 been largely replaced with an over-water staging area (see section 2.1.6). The over-water
25 height of the work bridges has been maximized to the furthest extent practicable, thereby
26 minimizing shading impacts. Piles will be installed with a vibratory hammer, but proofed
27 with an impact hammer. These structures will be removed at the earliest possible date, even
28 if removal occurs outside of the in-water work window. The piles will be removed with a
29 vibratory hammer and simultaneous lifting of the pile (WSDOT 2010d).

30 **Underwater Containment System/Temporary Cofferdam**

31 These systems will be implemented to prevent sediment, concrete, and steel debris from
32 mixing with Waters of the State. Examples include a temporary cofferdam, an oversized steel
33 casing, or another type of approved underwater containment system. This application will
34 allow demolition work to be completed on and around an underwater structure, and will
35 allow the work zone to be isolated. The system will also allow work to be completed at or
36 below the mudline as determined by the state or contractor's removal requirements.
37 Construction water and slurry within the containment system will be removed, treated, and

1 pumped to an acceptable discharge location when demolition is complete. Fresh concrete will
2 be prevented from coming in contact with Waters of the State.

3 **Noise Attenuation**

4 The Fisheries Hydroacoustic Working Group (FHWG) defined interim criteria for injury to
5 fish from pile driving activities. The criteria identify sound pressure levels (SPLs) of
6 206 decibels (dB) peak and 187 dB accumulated sound exposure level (SEL) for all listed
7 fish except those that are less than 2 grams. For the fish less than 2 grams, the criteria for the
8 accumulated SEL is 183 dB.

9 To compare these criteria with the proposed pile driving activities, WSDOT initiated a Pile
10 Installation Test Program (WSDOT 2010e). During this program, a vibratory hammer and
11 an impact hammer were used on test piles, and WSDOT measured the peak and attenuated
12 noise. Three minimization measures were employed and measured for effectiveness. Bubble
13 curtains were very effective at reducing noise down to acceptable levels and will be installed
14 during in-water impact pile driving for the SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project. The use of a
15 bubble curtain is expected to substantially minimize the area affected by above-threshold
16 sound levels. In-water pile driving in the Union Bay area will occur during the in-water
17 work window to further avoid noise disturbance to fish.

18 Several factors suggest that the project's noise will have a relatively low impact to fish:

- 19 • Few juvenile or adult Chinook salmon are likely to occur in the project area during
20 this construction period. The in-water work period is outside of the peak of Chinook
21 outmigration from the Cedar River into Lake Washington (begins in January, but
22 most fry enter the lake in mid-May), and is also outside of the adult migration period.
- 23 • Adult Chinook salmon are believed to migrate through deeper waters, away from
24 behavioral and injury disturbance areas.
- 25 • WSDOT will deploy a bubble curtain matching the specifications of that used in the
26 Pile Installation Test Program during impact pile driving. The use of a bubble curtain
27 is expected to substantially minimize the area affected by above-threshold sound
28 levels.

29 The underwater SPLs from in-water impact pile driving will be monitored by the contractor,
30 per a forthcoming and agreed-upon monitoring plan. If the recorded SPLs exceed the
31 thresholds agreed upon by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National
32 Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS),
33 FHWA, and WSDOT, appropriate energy reduction measures shall be deployed by the
34 contractor to attenuate the SPLs.

1 If a fish kill occurs or fish are observed in distress from pile driving, the contractor will
2 immediately cease the activity and WSDOT will be notified. WSDOT will notify the WDFW
3 Habitat Program immediately. The contractor will ensure that a project inspector/biologist is
4 on-site during all in-water pile driving operations to monitor for distressed fish. The
5 contractor will ensure that this inspector has full authority to stop work in the event that dead
6 or distressed fish are observed.

7 **5.3.5. Water Quality Monitoring**

8 Discharges from construction and operation activities will be monitored per the contractor's
9 Construction Water Quality Protection and Monitoring Plan (WQPMP) approved by
10 Ecology. The contractor will submit the WQPMP to WSDOT for submittal to Ecology at
11 least 30 calendar days prior to beginning construction. The purpose of the WQPMP is to
12 assess compliance with water quality standards during the project's construction and
13 operation activities. The WQPMP will identify all the construction and operation activities at
14 the site that may have a discharge (e.g., dewatering water, construction stormwater, channel
15 dredging, operational stormwater, etc.) to surface water or groundwater. Specific locations
16 of proposed discharge points to be monitored and their water quality parameters will be
17 defined in the WQPMP. If any of the monitoring parameters exceed the water quality
18 standards, the contractor will cease construction activities in the vicinity and notify WSDOT
19 until appropriate measures are taken to bring the project back into compliance. In the event
20 that a violation of the state water quality standards occurs or if a revision from the permitted
21 work is needed, WSDOT will immediately notify Ecology.

22 **5.4 Compensatory Mitigation**

23 Given the measures described in Sections 5.1–5.3, many potential impacts to the aquatic
24 environment will be effectively avoided or minimized. However, some project elements and
25 activities will require compensatory mitigation for impacts to aquatic habitat, or habitat
26 functions will still be degraded after avoidance and minimization measures have been applied
27 (see Section 4.1).

28 Many of the construction-related impacts will not result in a long-term impact to aquatic
29 habitats or functions because the effect ceases almost immediately upon cessation of the
30 activity (see Table 5-3). Furthermore, potential construction impacts, including in-water
31 noise, temporary lighting, in-water turbidity/contaminants, stormwater discharge, and barge
32 operation and moorage, will be effectively avoided and/or minimized (see Sections 5.1–5.3)
33 to the extent that compensatory mitigation is not required. On an operational basis, the
34 bridge lighting and stormwater impacts will be minimized through the implementation of
35 design elements and BMPs.

1 Three types of activities will cause habitat function degradation (see Table 5-3). These
 2 functional effects will occur on both a temporary and a permanent basis. The bridge
 3 superstructure and temporary work bridges will alter the quality of migratory habitat for
 4 juvenile salmonid by projecting a shade edge onto the water. The bridge columns and
 5 temporary work bridge piles will result in permanent and temporary displacements of benthic
 6 habitat. The columns and temporary work bridge piles will also increase vertical habitat
 7 complexity, thereby attracting smallmouth bass, a juvenile salmonid predator. These impacts
 8 have the greatest potential to affect aquatic habitat functions, particularly in terms of
 9 salmonid life history stages and populations. A detailed discussion of these impact
 10 mechanisms is provided in Sections 4.1–4.2.

11 **Table 5-3. Potential Impacts and Compensatory Mitigation Requirements**

	Potential Impact	Avoided/ Minimized	Compensatory Mitigation
Temporary	In-water noise	X	
	Lighting	X	
	Turbidity	X	
	Construction stormwater	X	
	In-water work	X	
	Barge Operation	X	
	Barge Moorage	X	
	Over-water Shading (work bridges)		X
	Benthic fill (piles)		X
	Habitat complexity (piles)		X
Permanent	Lighting	X	
	Stormwater	X	
	Over-water Shading		X
	Benthic fill		X
	Habitat complexity		X

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1 **5.5 Compensatory Mitigation Framework**

2 The following agencies have authority to require compensatory mitigation for aquatic (i.e.,
3 non-wetland) impacts that were not sufficiently avoided or minimized:

- 4 • USACE
- 5 • WDFW
- 6 • Ecology
- 7 • City of Seattle

8 The aquatic mitigation framework for the SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project is commensurate
9 with the mitigation policies of these agencies. The WDFW policy “Requiring or
10 Recommending Mitigation”, POL-M5002, has stated goals to “...achieve no loss of habitat
11 functions and values” and “to maintain the functions and values of fish and wildlife habitat in
12 the state.”

13 The following WDFW policy language applies to infrastructure projects:

14 “WDFW may not limit mitigation to on-site, in-kind mitigation when making decisions on
15 hydraulic project approvals for infrastructure development projects. The State Legislature
16 has declared that it is the policy of the state to authorize innovative mitigation measures by
17 requiring state regulatory agencies to consider mitigation proposals for infrastructure projects
18 that are timed, designed, and located in a manner to provide equal or better biological
19 functions and values compared to traditional on-site, in-kind mitigation proposals. For these
20 types of projects, WDFW may not limit the scope of options in a mitigation plan to areas on
21 or near the project site, or to habitat types of the same type as contained on a project site.
22 When making a permit decision, WDFW shall consider whether the mitigation plan provides
23 equal or better biological functions and values, compared to the existing conditions, for the
24 target resources or species identified in the mitigation plan...”

25 The City of Seattle has a similar policy goal on maintaining habitat functions and values.
26 Policy SMC 25.09.200, Section B.3.b pertains to over-water structures and states that the
27 “Mitigation is provided for all impacts to the ecological functions of fish habitat on the parcel
28 resulting from any permitted increase in or alteration of existing over-water coverage.”

29 Unlike the regulatory process for wetland mitigation, federal and state regulations and
30 guidance do not prescribe calculation of metrics or mitigation formulas for the majority of
31 the effects to aquatic habitat. In addition, many of the potential impacts to fish and other
32 aquatic species will be indirect. For example, partial shading impacts from the new bridge
33 structures could alter juvenile salmon migration patterns or timing, or influence the

1 distribution of salmonid predators in the project area. These potential impacts could reduce
2 the number of juvenile salmon completing successful outmigration to marine waters.
3 Impacts on individual fish or populations of fish, resulting from habitat alterations are
4 generally mitigated by increasing the quality and quantity of habitat for the species of
5 interest.

6 Since on-site, in-kind opportunities were not feasible, WSDOT sought off-site mitigation
7 opportunities that addressed the same functions and values that could be affected by the
8 project. Aquatic functions and values were defined in terms of the following fish species and
9 their life history requirements:

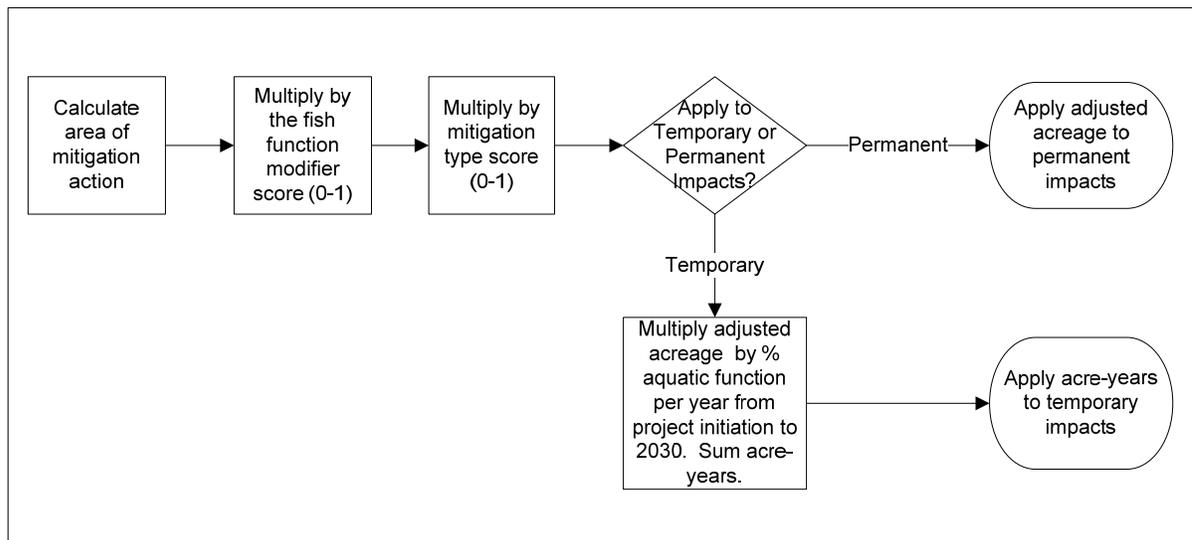
- 10 • Fall Chinook
- 11 • Sockeye
- 12 • Coho
- 13 • Steelhead

14 The spatial locations of project impacts and mitigation sites were classified in terms of their
15 importance to these species, and assigned a score commensurate to their value to the focal
16 fish. These Fish Function Modifier scores were assigned to impact and mitigation sites, in
17 the form of a 0-1 weighting factor. Section 4.1 describes criteria and rationale for the Fish
18 Function Modifier scoring. The acreage of a given mitigation action is multiplied by the
19 applicable Fish Function Modifier score (Figure 5-1). Next, the mitigation acreage (adjusted
20 by Fish Function Modifier score) is weighted in terms of the “Project Type” score (Figure 5-
21 1).

22 Using this framework, all in-water mitigation activities (riprap removal, shoreline grading,
23 levee removal, dredging) were assigned a Project Type score of 1.0. A score of 1.0 is
24 indicative of the direct and immediate aquatic benefits that these projects produce. Riparian
25 and floodplain restoration projects received a score of 0.2, to recognize the delay in achieving
26 full function/and or the indirect nature of these projects to functioning aquatic habitat. While
27 riparian function along the shoreline may directly benefit fish (e.g., fish cover), the functional
28 value becomes indirect farther from the shoreline (e.g., pollutant filtration, shading, etc.).
29 Floodplains provide indirect fish benefits by attenuating flood flows, performing water
30 quality functions, maintaining riverine wetlands, providing off-channel salmonid habitat, and
31 providing the opportunity for dynamic channel creation over time. Mitigation areas that
32 improve both riparian and floodplain functions received a Project Type score of 0.4 to reflect
33 the additive value of riparian and floodplain functions. After adjusting the mitigation
34 acreages by Fish Function Modifier and Project Type scores, the adjusted acreage can be
35 applied to permanent impacts (see Section 4.1).

1 If the adjusted mitigation acreage is applied to temporary impacts instead of permanent
 2 impacts, an additional step is required. Temporary impacts are calculated in terms of service-
 3 acre-years (see Section 4.1), i.e., the total area of impact summed for all years the impact is
 4 present. Restoration actions that are intended to mitigate for these temporary impacts must
 5 also be valued in terms of their temporal contribution to aquatic functions and values. The
 6 acreage of each mitigation action (adjusted by Fish Function Modifier and Project Type
 7 scores) is multiplied by the percent aquatic function that the project provides on an annual
 8 basis for the first 18 years after project completion. For example, if a mitigation project was
 9 completed in 2012, the service-acre mitigation credits will be counted until 2030 (18 years).
 10 A total of 18 years was selected as a suitable timeframe in which ecological functions could
 11 be realized and become established to fully offset the temporal loss of functions at the impact
 12 site, yet credits would not be overstated by extending the timeframe out into perpetuity. It
 13 should be noted, however, that ecological functions at the mitigation sites will continue
 14 beyond the first 18 years.

15 Mitigation actions that have full and immediate benefits are multiplied by 1.0 (i.e., 100%
 16 function) for all 18 years. Projects that take time to realize full function are multiplied by an
 17 increasing proportion (i.e., percent function) over time. Riparian restoration projects are
 18 assumed to realize 10% function during years 1 through 5, 50% function during years 6
 19 through 10, and 100% function thereafter. The acre-years for all 18 years are summed to
 20 yield a total mitigation value that can be credited toward temporary impacts. In conclusion,
 21 the service acre-years provided by proposed mitigation actions will exceed the sum of
 22 temporary impact acre-years (Figure 5-2).

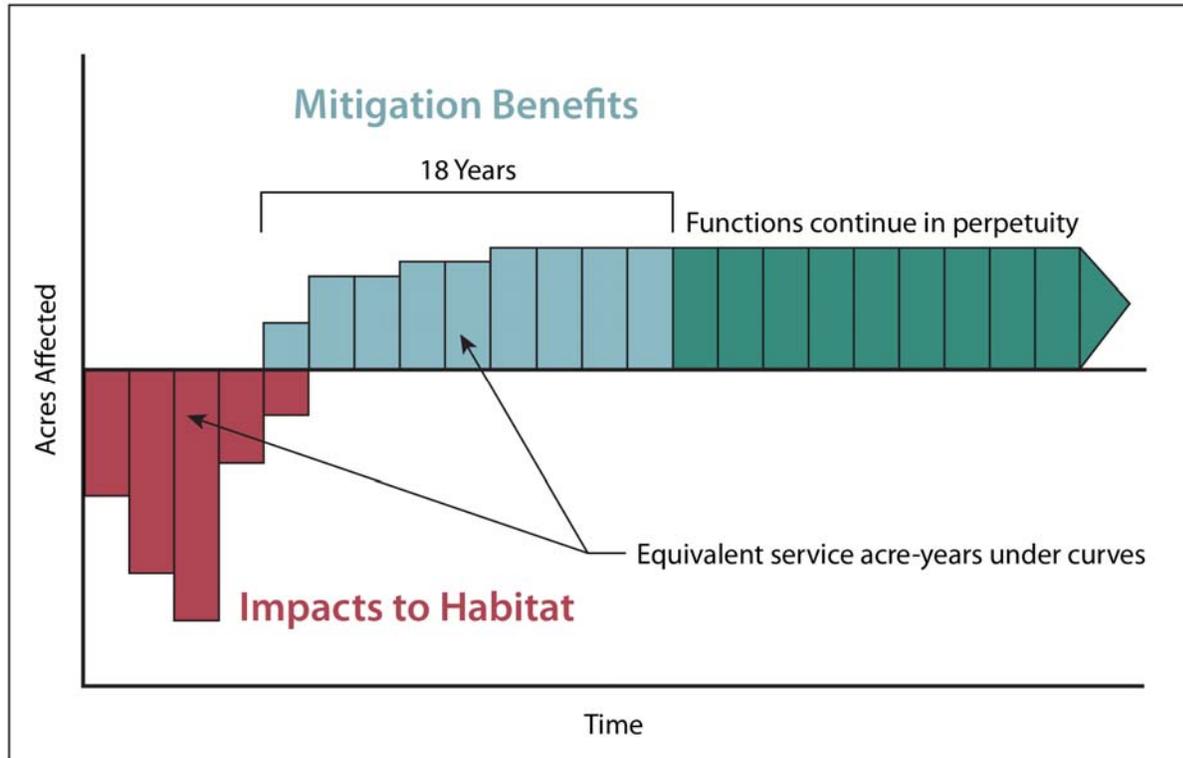


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24 **Figure 5-1. Process for Determining Value of Mitigation Actions**

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2 **Figure 5-2. Conceptual Basis of Service-Acre-Years**

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6. Aquatic Mitigation Sites

6.1 Rationale for Site Selection

The goal of the mitigation screening and ranking process was to select a suite of habitat restoration projects that increase aquatic functions and values enough to offset the SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project's effects on similar functions and values. Chinook salmon, sockeye salmon, coho salmon, and winter steelhead were chosen as key indicator species because they are the most studied species in the watershed and a comprehensive data set is available linking salmonids to habitat variables in the watershed (City of Seattle and USACE 2008; King County 2005).

The project will affect four key life history functions of Lake Washington salmonids: juvenile rearing/ feeding, juvenile migration, adult migration, and lakeshore beach spawning. The mitigation screening approach looked at habitat features and ecological functions that supported these key life history phases in Lake Washington, and linked them with potential enhancements of such features.

Mitigation opportunities were sought from throughout WRIA 8, specifically in the marine nearshore, the Ship Canal, and throughout Lake Washington and its tributaries, and were organized through a screening plan (WSDOT 2009b). However, the results of this plan were substantially adjusted through agency input, coordination, and further field work.

6.1.1 Mitigation Opportunities in the Marine Nearshore and Ship Canal

Mitigation opportunities along the marine nearshore (and in proximity to the Ship Canal) are extremely limited. WSDOT has worked with the resource agencies and tribes in identifying mitigation measures that might be applied to the Lake Washington Ship Canal to benefit adult fish survival and migration into the Lake Washington system.

WSDOT evaluated the feasibility of options for reducing summer water temperatures in the Lake Washington Ship Canal to improve conditions for returning adult salmon. The two options evaluated (a dredging option and a pumping option) were determined to provide a slight improvement to temperature in the vicinity of the Montlake Cut and eastward; however, the benefits to adult salmon from this improvement would be insignificant, given the short duration which adults actually occupy this area during their return migration (minutes to hours). These options also presented a series of technical, regulatory, schedule, and cost issues, as well as risks that rendered them not feasible for implementation by WSDOT. A complete discussion of the evaluation and conclusions is available in the Draft Ship Canal Evaluation Report (WSDOT 2011d).

1 **6.1.2. Mitigation Opportunities in Lake Washington**

2 The objectives of the Lake Washington General Investigation (City of Seattle and USACE
3 2008) include habitat improvement for juvenile salmon in Lake Washington. The Lake
4 Washington General Investigation prescribed management actions to support this objective,
5 including the following:

- 6 • Continue to remove shoreline armoring and create shallow-water habitat with
7 overhanging vegetation. These actions will improve rearing conditions for Chinook
8 fry. Focus these activities in the southern portion of Lake Washington.
- 9 • Continue to improve habitat around over-water structures by removing structures,
10 reducing their footprint, or by improving light penetration.
- 11 • Remove in-water solid waste debris (e.g., concrete, asphalt, and scrap metal) and
12 riprap to reduce available predator habitat.
- 13 • Prioritize the restoration of tributaries and tributary mouths in south Lake Washington
14 tributaries.

15 Some project opportunities in Lake Washington are located along juvenile salmonid
16 migration routes; these opportunities were prioritized, because of the relatively high fish
17 benefits. Juvenile Chinook (and sockeye to a lesser extent) use the lake shoreline for
18 foraging, rearing, and refugia from predators (Tabor and Piaskowski 2002). They also
19 slowly migrate along the shoreline toward the Ship Canal during this time. As noted above,
20 once juvenile salmonids have migrated into the Ship Canal, holding and foraging is not
21 desirable because of rapidly-degrading water quality in the late spring and the presence of
22 warm-water predators. However, opportunities for habitat improvement along the more
23 desirable Lake Washington migration corridors are extremely limited because the
24 overwhelming majority of opportunities are on private residential land (WSDOT 2009b).
25 These private residential lots were not pursued, because restoration of the narrow shoreline
26 on a typical residential lot would not result in a large habitat gain. Projects on individual
27 parcels would be surrounded by adjacent bulkheads, piers, and docks. Acquiring multiple
28 contiguous residential properties was considered very unlikely.

29 WSDOT has investigated the possibility of conducting mitigation on privately-owned Boeing
30 property and on City of Renton parcels near the mouth of the Cedar River to complement the
31 South Lake Washington Restoration (see below), but has not been successful. Out of the
32 limited public property with shoreline that has fisheries value, the following sites are
33 proposed for restoration by the WSDOT 520 Program:

- 1 • Seward Park 1-4 (four spatially discrete actions are proposed)
- 2 • Magnuson Park 1 and 2 (two spatially discrete actions are proposed)
- 3 • Taylor Creek
- 4 • South Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration (DNR Parcel)
- 5 • East approach

6 These mitigation sites, and all of their attendant mitigation actions (e.g., Seward 1-4,
7 Magnuson 1-2), are described in the subsequent sections of this section. The site locations
8 are shown at the landscape scale in Figure 6-1. The known salmonid uses of each site, as
9 well as their Fish Function Modifier scores, are shown in Table 6-1.

10 **6.1.3. Mitigation Opportunities in Lake Washington Tributaries**

11 Habitat improvement in the WRIA 8 Lake Washington tributaries is also an objective defined
12 in the WRIA 8 watershed management plans. The WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation
13 Plan (King County 2005) prioritizes the Lower Cedar River for restoration with a focus on
14 actions that protect water quality, restore riparian zones, increase LWD and pools in the river
15 (via installation and natural recruitment), and set back levees to increase floodplain function
16 and off-channel habitat. The Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan also recommends
17 restoration actions on Lower Bear Creek, Upper Bear Creek, and Cottage/Cold Creeks.
18 However, the plan indicates that Lower Bear Creek has the poorest habitat function of these
19 three water bodies, thereby representing the greatest improvement opportunity.

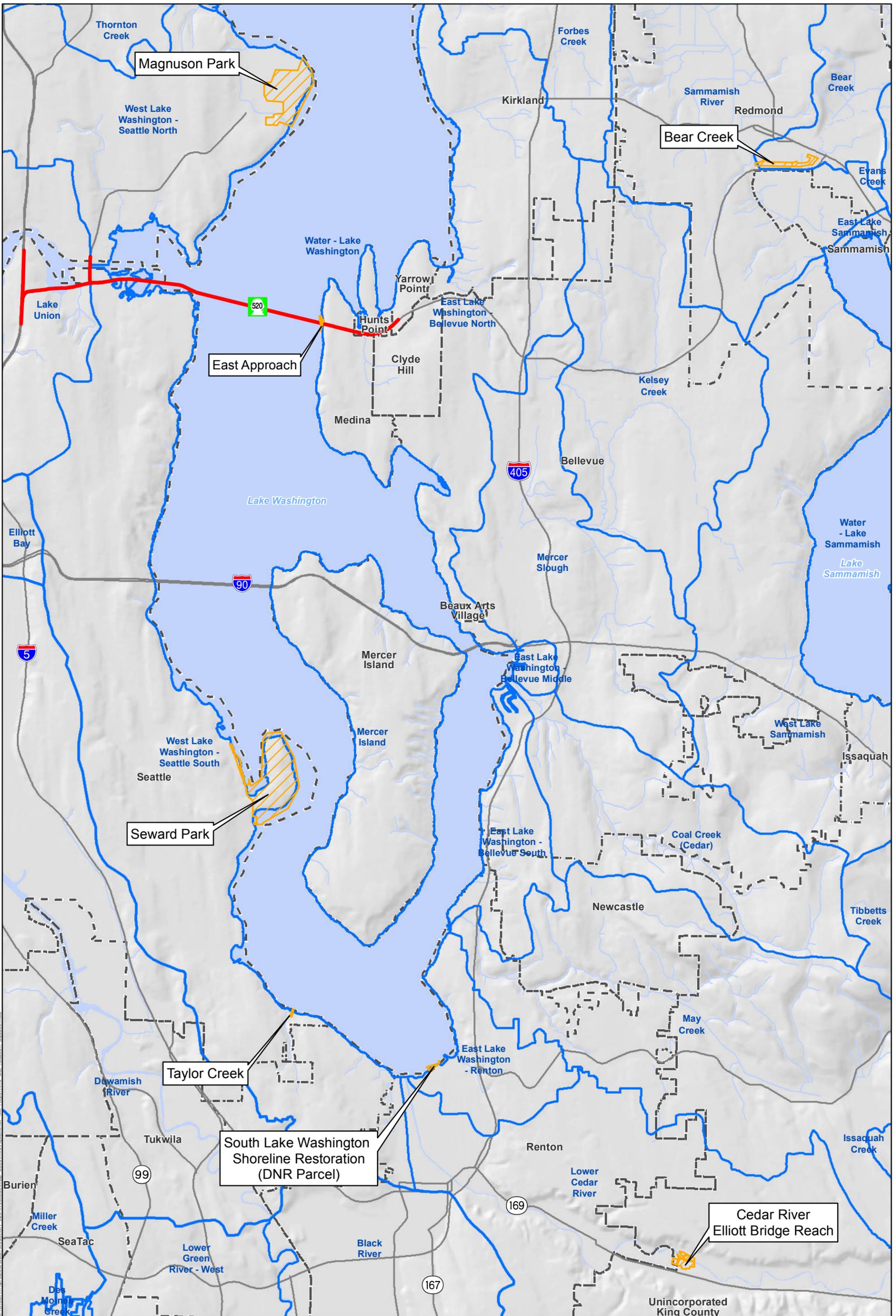
20 WSDOT will address these restoration priorities by implementing restoration projects at the
21 following riverine locations:

- 22 • Cedar River/ Elliott Bridge reach
- 23 • Lower Bear Creek, near the mouth

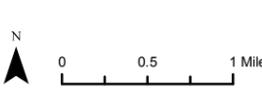
24 The current and potential use of these mitigation sites by the focal fish species is discussed in
25 detail in subsequent sections. Although none of the sites meet the “very high” fish function
26 criteria (Table 6-1), they are all important locations in the watershed and will provide
27 ecological functions that are priorities for fish recovery.

28 All of the proposed sites are publicly owned, and as such, WSDOT has engaged in
29 partnerships with the public entities to use these sites for compensatory mitigation. Details
30 regarding cost-sharing, construction, monitoring, and maintenance responsibility, and the
31 long-term protection of the sites are provided in site description and summarized in Section
32 6.13.

1 These sites have undergone a basic screening for fatal flaws such as site access, landowner
2 consent, hazardous materials, and cultural resources. However, if it becomes apparent during
3 advanced design that a site is no longer feasible due to technical constraints, the site will be
4 removed from this plan and replaced with another appropriate mitigation site. A mitigation
5 site may also be replaced with another if WSDOT develops a new site concept that is of
6 higher ecological value or has more ecological value per monetary cost for the State of
7 Washington.



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- Mitigation Site
- Watershed Boundary
- Project Area
- Municipal Boundary
- Water Body
- Stream

Figure 6-1.
Location of Compensatory Mitigation Sites

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Table 6-1. Mitigation Site Fish Use and Fish Function Modifier Scores

Fish Function Modifier Score	Proposed Mitigation Site Classification	Adult Salmonid Use	Juvenile Salmonid Use	Stocks Affected
0.8 – High	Seward Park 1 Shoreline Enhancements		Chinook (Rearing)	Taylor Creek Cedar River
0.8 – High	Seward Park 2 Shoreline Enhancements	Sockeye (Spawning)	Chinook (Rearing) Sockeye (Rearing/Feeding)	Taylor Creek Cedar River Lake Washington
0.6 – Medium	Seward Park 3 Shoreline Enhancements		Chinook (Rearing)	Taylor Creek Cedar River
0.8 – High	Seward Park 4 Shoreline Enhancements	Sockeye (Spawning)	Chinook (Rearing) Sockeye (Rearing/Feeding)	Taylor Creek Cedar River Lake Washington
0.6 – Medium	Magnuson Park 1 Shoreline Enhancements		Chinook (Rearing)	North Lake Washington Issaquah
0.6 – Medium	Magnuson Park 2 Shoreline Enhancements		Chinook (Rearing)	North Lake Washington Issaquah
0.8 – High	Taylor Creek Restoration	Coho (Spawning) Sockeye (Spawning)	Coho (Rearing) Chinook (Rearing) Sockeye (Rearing/Feeding)	Taylor Creek Cedar River

Fish Function Modifier Score	Proposed Mitigation Site Classification	Adult Salmonid Use	Juvenile Salmonid Use	Stocks Affected
0.8 – High	South Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration (DNR Parcel) Shoreline Enhancements		Chinook (Rearing/Feeding) Chinook (Migration) Sockeye (Rearing; Feeding)	Cedar River
0.8 – High	Cedar River/ Elliott Bridge Reach Enhancements	Coho (Spawning) Sockeye (Spawning) Chinook (Spawning) Steelhead (Spawning)	Coho (Rearing/Feeding) Steelhead (Rearing/Feeding) Chinook (Rearing/Feeding)	Cedar River
0.8 – High	Bear Creek Restoration		Sockeye (Rearing/Feeding) Chinook (Rearing/Feeding) Coho (Rearing/Feeding)	North Lake Washington
0.8 – High	East Approach Spawning Beach Enhancement	Sockeye (Spawning)	Sockeye (Rearing/Feeding)	Lake Washington

1 **6.2 Seward Park Project 1**

2 **6.2.1. Site Location**

3 Seward Park is in the City of Seattle, along the western shore of Lake Washington, as shown
4 on Figure 6-1. Seward Project 1 is located on the southern portion of the peninsula (Figure
5 6-2).

6 **6.2.2. Mitigation Site Existing Conditions and Fish Use**

7 The following section summarizes the existing conditions of the site from a habitat
8 standpoint. A detailed baseline characterization of shoreline conditions is available in the SR
9 520 Final Aquatic Assessment Report (WSDOT 2011c).

10 **Shoreline Conditions**

11 This segment is approximately 550 feet long, has a vertical concrete bulkhead (2.5 feet high,
12 3 feet wide) along its length, and has very little riparian vegetation (Figure A-1). The vertical
13 elevation gain between the uplands and the lake water level is approximately 6 to 7 feet
14 (Appendix B).

15 The major shoreline feature at Seward 1 is a continuous 550-foot-long concrete bulkhead
16 (Figure A-1). The bulkhead is 2.5 feet high and 3 feet wide. There is very little overhanging
17 vegetation other than a few trees near the eastern half of the shoreline (Figure 6-2). One
18 piece of large woody debris (LWD) was observed along the shoreline in 2011 (WSDOT
19 2011c). There are gradual slopes (4 to 13%) and a relatively shallow bathymetry along this
20 shoreline. However, the bulkhead truncates this gradual transition to the uplands. The
21 substrate along the shoreline is predominantly gravel. Riparian vegetation varies with
22 distance from the shoreline. From the shoreline to the walking path, the riparian zone is
23 primarily composed of grass, with lesser amounts of impervious surfaces (the walking path),
24 invasive weeds, and a few scattered trees. The remainder of the riparian zone landward of
25 the walking path transitions from grass to mature forest.

26 **Ecological Condition of Adjacent Parcels**

27 Immediately east of the project area, the Seward shoreline has been previously restored with
28 bulkhead removal, bank re-grading, gravel placement, and riparian re-vegetation.

29 Immediately to the west of the project area, the shoreline is steep and rip-rapped with a
30 parking lot landward of the shoreline. In general, the Seward Park shoreline has
31 discontinuous shoreline segments that vary by bank height, bank slope, bulkheads, native
32 vegetation, or nuisance aquatic vegetation. Many of these shoreline segments were armored
33 as early as 1916, and in many places the nearshore, creating a cobble substrate along the
34 shoreline. In some locations, particularly hardened shoreline has altered wave-generated
35 sediment processes, creating a cobble substrate along the shoreline. The cut-and-fill

1 technique used to build the path along the shoreline has also resulted in modified bank shapes
2 and slopes. Some segments of the park shoreline were restored in 2001 and 2006 by re-
3 grading the bank to a lower slope, importing gravel to the re-sloped beaches, installing LWD
4 for fish cover, and re-vegetating narrow riparian zone strips immediately adjacent to the
5 shoreline. Parcels adjacent to Seward Park are residences with bulkheads and docks (to the
6 south), and include a marina (to the north).

7 **Fish Use**

8 The Seward Park shoreline is used by juvenile Chinook for feeding, rearing, and migration
9 from the Cedar River toward the Ship Canal, though Chinook abundance is lower here than
10 along the South Lake Washington shoreline (Tabor and Piaskowski 2002). The southeast
11 shoreline has shallow water and vegetative cover providing food resources (invertebrates)
12 and protection from piscivorous fish and avian predators. The absence of piers, ramps, and
13 floats along the park’s natural shorelines allows unhindered migration along the area’s littoral
14 zone. Historical records document sockeye spawning along the Seward Park nearshore
15 (Buchanan 2004). During a 1999 snorkel survey along the Seward Park shoreline, the
16 presence of adult sockeye carcasses at various locations on the Seward Park shoreline
17 throughout October, November, and December indicated that beach spawning was occurring
18 (City of Seattle 2001).

19 Juvenile Chinook fish use along the southwest shoreline of Seward Park (a natural shoreline
20 area adjacent to Seward 1) is documented in Tabor et al. (2006). During snorkel surveys in
21 2003 (April 7– May 6), a total of 76 Chinook salmon were observed, and their abundance
22 was higher on each date than at any other site in Seward Park (Tabor et al. 2006). On two of
23 these three surveys, more Chinook salmon were observed along this shoreline than at the
24 other sites combined. Only six Chinook salmon were observed in this area during the last two
25 surveys in 2003 (May 22 and June 10) and their abundance was similar to that at other sites
26 in Seward Park. The high abundance of Chinook salmon at this site is likely due to better
27 habitat conditions, specifically the sand substrate and gradual slope, and the site is closer to
28 the Cedar River than other Seward Park sites. Given the high use by Chinook juveniles in
29 this area of the park, Seward 1 fits the “high” FFM definition of “aquatic sites that serve as
30 migration or rearing areas of considerable importance for one or more species of juvenile
31 salmon”. Therefore, Seward 1 has an FFM score of 0.8.

32 **6.2.3. Rationale for Site Selection**

33 Seward Park was selected for shoreline and riparian restoration because of documented use
34 of this shoreline by Chinook salmon juveniles for foraging, rearing, and outmigration, and by
35 sockeye salmon for beach spawning and early rearing. Shoreline restoration actions are
36 proposed in areas where juvenile Chinook are known to rear and migrate, and where sockeye
37 salmon are known to have spawned in the past. These restoration actions will increase
38 habitat connectivity with adjacent high quality shoreline segments, including areas that were

1 restored in 2001 and 2006. These past restoration projects created shallow water habitat and
 2 sediment that support both juvenile rearing and sockeye beach spawning. Recent
 3 effectiveness monitoring of these shoreline restoration projects concluded that the shallow
 4 habitat was functioning for juvenile Chinook refugia and migration. However, the gravel
 5 supplementation did not significantly increase epibenthic prey preferred by juvenile Chinook
 6 (Armbrust et al. 2009). This monitoring study recommended incorporating organic material
 7 into the gravel. The proposed restoration project will be very similar to these past projects,
 8 and will also cover eroded quarry spall along the shoreline with appropriate substrate. The
 9 size and amount of organic material in the new substrate will be determined by the erosive
 10 potential along the shoreline. Past gravel supplementation projects on adjacent shoreline
 11 segments have determined that wave exposure and lake currents will mobilize and erode pea
 12 gravel and finer sediments (Graves 2006). Covering the quarry spall with coarse gravel,
 13 however, will have multiple benefits, including reducing predator (e.g., sculpin) habitat and
 14 providing suitable substrate for sockeye spawning.

15 Seward Project 1 was defined as a project because of its southeastern location and
 16 documented high use by juvenile Chinook in adjacent natural areas.

17 **6.2.4. Mitigation Site Design**

18 Mitigation actions at this site will include bulkhead removal, bank regrading, gravel
 19 installation, LWD installation, and riparian revegetation (Figure 6-2). Grading plans will be
 20 developed that are consistent with cross-sections 1A and 1B (Figure 6-2, Appendix B).
 21 Approximately 630 cubic yards of clean and appropriately-sized gravel will be offloaded and
 22 distributed to a depth of 1 foot. Although the substrate size and distribution will be
 23 determined from an subsequent analysis of sediment transport from wind generated waves
 24 and currents, the substrate will be installed with the smallest size distribution possible, in
 25 order to maximize habitat function for rearing juvenile Chinook. Based on previous substrate
 26 enhancement projects, the substrate distribution will likely be similar to what is shown in
 27 Table 6-2. LWD will be anchored into the bank at the high lake level at a frequency of
 28 approximately 1 piece per 100 feet.

29 **Table 6-2. Gravel Size Distribution for Recent Substrate Enhancement Projects in Lake**
 30 **Washington**

Sieve Size (mm)	Percent Passing by Weight
127	100%
102	95 – 100%
76	90 – 95%
38	65 – 80%
32	45 – 60%

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1 Revegetation will include a live stakes community near high lake level elevation and
2 transition to a riparian upland community. Proposed planting zones, species lists, and
3 densities for revegetation are included in Appendix C. Specific planting plans for site-
4 specific conditions and constraints will be developed during the design phase. The
5 implementation schedule is detailed in Section 6.13.

6 The following constraints will limit design elements of this project:

- 7 • Riparian restoration will not occur in public access areas or landward of the public
8 walking trail.
- 9 • Riparian plantings will be grouped to provide access to the restored beach from the
10 walking trail and picnic area.
- 11 • LWD will not be installed along the shoreline associated with public access areas.
- 12 • Construction schedule and access may be dependent on SPU's CSO reduction project
13 planned for Seward Park parking areas.

14 The site design objectives and criteria are summarized below.

15 **Engineering Objectives**

- 16 • Provide a low-gradient shoreline between low and high lake levels.
- 17 • Provide gravel (round rock) and sand substrate along the shoreline that is
18 appropriately sized to avoid erosion.

19 **Habitat Objectives**

- 20 • Provide shallow, low-gradient rearing and migratory habitat during juvenile Chinook
21 and early juvenile sockeye rearing periods.
- 22 • Provide gravel and sand substrate along the shoreline that minimizes predator habitat.
- 23 • Provide LWD keyed into the shoreline for fish cover.
- 24 • Provide overhanging vegetation along the shoreline for juvenile salmonid refugia and
25 forage base.
- 26 • Provide indirect riparian functions, including shading, pollutant filtration, and LWD
27 recruitment to the shoreline.

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- 1 • Minimize construction impacts to existing habitat.
 - 2 • Minimizes human impacts on areas of newly planted riparian habitat.
- 3 Design criteria describe the successful outcome that would result if the objectives are met.
4 Criteria have been compiled for both engineering and habitat components.

5 **Project Design Criteria**

- 6 • Bulkhead will be removed below sediment line.
- 7 • The slope of the enhanced shoreline habitat will be at or below 15% grade, as
8 measured from low lake level to high lake level.
- 9 • Substrate will be installed along the shoreline according to an analysis of sediment
10 transport from wind-generated waves and currents.

11 **Habitat Design Criteria**

- 12 • Create 0.39 acre of shallow aquatic habitat.
- 13 • Gravel substrate in the shallow littoral zone will be installed with the smallest size
14 distribution possible in order to maximize habitat function for rearing juvenile
15 Chinook.
- 16 • Provide 0.40 acre of enhanced riparian habitat adjacent to the shoreline.
- 17 • Include a vegetation plan to provide adequate shade and overhanging cover along the
18 shoreline.
- 19 • The spatial and temporal extent of in-water work will be minimized.
- 20 • In-water work will occur during designated in-water work windows.
- 21 • Impacts to native vegetation will be minimized.
- 22 • Erosion will be minimized.

23 **6.2.5. Ecological Functions and Benefits**

24 The mitigation actions at Seward Project 1 will benefit Cedar River Chinook juveniles (Table
25 6-3). The juvenile Chinook will benefit from the conversion of shorelines with bulkheads to
26 a gradual, sloping natural condition with functional riparian vegetation. These improved
27 habitat features will provide an unobstructed migratory pathway, protection from piscivorous

1 and avian predators, and enhanced food sources from the natural sediments and overhanging
 2 vegetation.

3 **Table 6-3. Seward Park Project 1 Mitigation Benefits**

Mitigation Action	Acreage	Habitat Features Improved	Habitat Functions Improved	Species/Life Stage Addressed
Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	0.39	Gradual, sloped bank Suitable sediment Prey input	Protection from predators Migratory corridor Spawning habitat	Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/Feeding) Chinook (Juvenile Migration)
Riparian Restoration	0.40	Vegetative cover Prey input	Protection from predators Food sources	

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Mitigation Action	Acreage
Shoreline Enhancement	0.39
Riparian Restoration	0.40

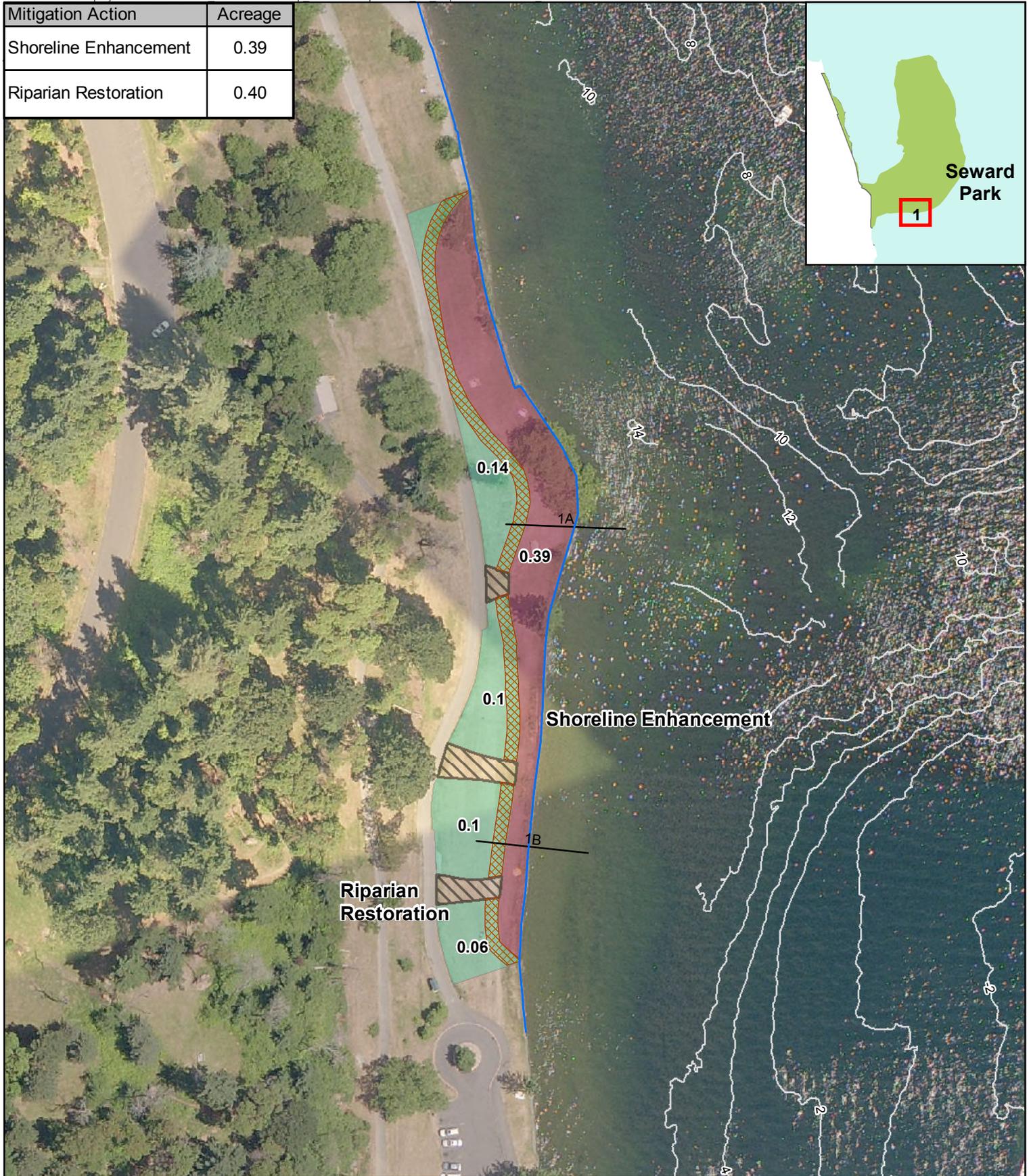


Figure 6-2.
Conceptual Restoration Plan at the Seward Park Mitigation Site, Project 1

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1 **6.3 Seward Park Project 2**

2 **6.3.1. Site Location**

3 Seward Park is in the City of Seattle, along the western shore of Lake Washington, as shown
4 on Figure 6-1. Seward Project 2 is located on the eastern shore of the park (Figure 6-3).

5 **6.3.2. Mitigation Site Existing Conditions and Fish Use**

6 The following section summarizes the existing conditions of the site from a habitat
7 standpoint. A detailed baseline characterization of shoreline conditions is available in the SR
8 520 Final Aquatic Assessment Report (WSDOT 2011c).

9 **Shoreline Conditions**

10 At Seward Project 2, the shoreline has a narrow bench that extends about 50 feet from the
11 shoreline where water is less than 10 feet deep during high lake level (Figure 6-3) before
12 transitioning to a steep slope. The shallow bench has gravel substrate for approximately the
13 first 30 feet and then quickly turns to predominantly sand. A 100-foot by 25-foot area is
14 covered in cobble-sized angular basalt, very similar to the material found along the shoreline
15 at Seward 3. Sand substrate is waterward of the angular basalt. The angular cobble area and
16 the remainder of the shallow bench (waterward of the angular basalt) is the Seward 2 project
17 area.

18 **Ecological Condition of Adjacent Parcels**

19 See Section 6.2.2 for a general description of the Seward Park shoreline. The adjacent
20 shorelines to the north and south have bathymetry similar to that of the Seward 2 project
21 area. Immediately to the north and south of the project area the substrate is gravel
22 transitioning to sand.

23 **Fish Use**

24 See Section 6.2.2 for a general description of Seward Park fish use. The Seward 2 shoreline
25 is used by migrating juvenile Chinook, primarily from the Cedar River. Although this
26 segment of shoreline is along their primary migration path, the density of juvenile Chinook is
27 not as high as at the southeastern extremity of the park (Tabor et al. 2006).

28 Historical records document sockeye spawning along this specific segment of the Seward
29 Park nearshore (Buchanan 2004). During a 1999 snorkel survey along the Seward Park
30 shoreline, the presence of adult sockeye carcasses at various locations on the Seward park
31 shoreline throughout October, November, and December indicated that beach spawning was
32 occurring (City of Seattle 2001). Therefore, this project area meets the 0.8 FFM criterion of
33 being an “aquatic site that is known to support documented spawning of at least one
34 salmonid species”, and is assigned an FFM of 0.8.

1 **6.3.3. Rationale for Site Selection**

2 The overall rationale for shoreline restoration at Seward Park is described in Section 6.2.3.
3 Seward Project 2 will cover large, cobble-sized angular basalt with gravel suitable for
4 sockeye spawning. Covering the angular cobble with coarse gravel will have multiple
5 benefits, including reducing predator (e.g., sculpin) habitat for migrating and rearing juvenile
6 Chinook as well as providing suitable substrate for sockeye spawning.

7 **6.3.4. Mitigation Site Design**

8 Seward Park Project 2 is located on the southeastern portion of the peninsula (Figure 6-3).
9 In general, sockeye dig redds in gravel and small cobbles between 13 and 102 mm (Reiser
10 and Bjornn 1979). Olsen (1968) indicated that sockeye may use either sand or gravel,
11 depending upon which is available. If small amounts of silt, detritus, or fine sand are mixed
12 with the coarser gravel, they are removed by the fish in the process of excavating the redd
13 (Foerster 1968). Mathisen (1955) observed sockeye salmon egg concentrations 6 to 9 inches
14 below the gravel surface. These observations on suitable habitat will govern the design
15 requirements for Lake Washington spawning supplementation. Approximately 0.06 acre of
16 lake nearshore will be supplemented with 97 cubic yards of clean and appropriately-sized
17 gravel. The gravel will be offloaded and spread to a depth of 1 foot. Although the substrate
18 size and distribution will be determined from a forthcoming analysis (design phase) of
19 sediment transport from wind-generated waves and currents, the substrate will be installed
20 with the smallest size distribution possible in order to maximize habitat function for rearing
21 juvenile Chinook. Based on previous substrate enhancement projects, the substrate
22 distribution will likely be similar to what is shown in Table 6-2. There are no apparent
23 constraints to this project. The implementation schedule is detailed in Section 6.13.

24 The site design objectives and criteria are summarized below.

25 **Engineering Objectives**

- 26 • Provide gravel (round rock) and sand substrate along the shoreline that is
27 appropriately sized to avoid erosion.

28 **Habitat Objectives**

- 29 • Provide gravel substrate along the shoreline that is suitable for sockeye beach
30 spawning.
- 31 • Provide gravel and sand substrate along the shoreline that minimizes habitat for
32 juvenile Chinook predators

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- 1 • Minimize construction impacts to existing habitat.

2 Design criteria describe the successful outcome that would result if the objectives are met.
3 Criteria have been compiled for both engineering and habitat components.

4 **Engineering Design Criteria**

- 5 • Substrate installed along the shoreline according to an analysis of sediment transport
6 from wind-generated waves and currents.

7 **Habitat Design Criteria**

- 8 • Create 0.06 acre of suitable sockeye spawning habitat.
- 9 • Gravel substrate in the shallow littoral zone will be installed with the smallest size
10 distribution possible in order to maximize habitat function for rearing juvenile
11 Chinook.
- 12 • The spatial and temporal extent of in-water work will be minimized.
- 13 • In-water work will occur during designated in-water work windows.

14 **6.3.5. Ecological Functions and Benefits**

15 The mitigation actions at Seward Park will benefit the Cedar River Chinook juveniles and
16 lake spawning sockeye salmon (Table 6-4). The conversion of angular cobble to gravel will
17 reduce predation and increase prey productivity for juvenile Chinook. Sockeye salmon will
18 benefit from the conversion of angular cobble and sand to substrate that is suitable for
19 spawning. Sockeye salmon are known to spawn along the Seward Park shoreline,
20 particularly where there is sufficient current to move water through the gravels.

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1 **Table 6-4. Seward Park Project 2 Mitigation Benefits**

Mitigation Action	Acreage	Habitat Features Improved	Habitat Functions Improved	Species/Life Stage Addressed
Shoreline Enhancement	0.06	Suitable sediment	Protection from predators Migratory corridor Spawning habitat	Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/Feeding) Chinook (Juvenile Migration) Sockeye (Juvenile Rearing/Feeding) Sockeye (Spawning)

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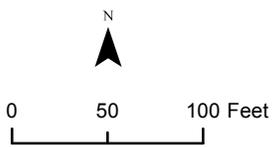
Mitigation Action	Acreage
Spawning Gravel Supplementation	0.06



Cover angular cobble with spawning gravel

Cover sand with spawning gravel

0.06



- Spawning Gravel Supplementation
- Shoreline
- 2-foot Bathymetry

Figure 6-3.
Conceptual Restoration Plan at the Seward Park Mitigation Site, Project 2

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1 **6.4 Seward Park Project 3**

2 **6.4.1. Site Location**

3 Seward Park is in the City of Seattle, along the western shore of Lake Washington, as shown
4 on Figure 6-1. Seward Project 3 is located on the northeast end of the peninsula (Figure 6-4).

5 **6.4.2. Mitigation Site Existing Conditions and Fish Use**

6 The following section summarizes the existing conditions of the site from a habitat
7 standpoint. A detailed baseline characterization is available in the SR 520 Final Aquatic
8 Assessment Report (WSDOT 2011c).

9 **Shoreline Conditions**

10 The Seward 3 shoreline has a steep bank above the high lake level (OHW) with vegetation
11 growing through the riprap (Figure A-2). There are some native shrubs along the face of the
12 shoreline intermingled with weedy forbs (Photograph A-2). Landward of the shoreline, the
13 riparian cover is lawn, followed by the impervious walking path (Figure A-2). Landward of
14 the path, the riparian vegetation consists of mature forest. A 20-foot segment of concrete
15 bulkhead is present along the shoreline at the high lake level. One piece of large woody
16 debris was observed on the southern end of the project. The shoreline bathymetry has a 16 to
17 18% slope near the shore. Substrate at the 1.3-foot depth interval is mostly gravel and sand,
18 with scattered angular cobble (Figure A-3). Substrate at the 2.6-foot depth interval is mostly
19 angular cobble.

20 **Ecological Condition of Adjacent Parcels**

21 See Section 6.2.2 for a general description of the Seward Park shoreline. A public access and
22 heavily-used swimming area is located to the west of Project 3. Although this swimming
23 area is heavily used during the summer, it has low (in-water) use by the public during the
24 spring and has a gradually sloped beach. Immediately to the south is 100 feet of vegetated
25 shoreline, followed by approximately 400 feet of shoreline without trees. The walking trail is
26 close to the shoreline to the south of the Project 3 area.

27 **Fish Use**

28 See Section 6.2.2 for a general description of Seward Park fish use. The Seward 3 shoreline
29 is used by migrating juvenile Chinook, primarily from the Cedar River. Although this
30 segment of shoreline is along their primary migration path, the Chinook juveniles are not as
31 dependent on shallow littoral areas as they are earlier in their life history. Therefore, this
32 project area does not meet the 0.8 FFM criterion of being “migration or rearing areas of
33 considerable importance for one or more species of juvenile salmon”, and is assigned an
34 FFM of 0.6.

1 **6.4.3. Rationale for Site Selection**

2 The rationale for shoreline restoration along the Seward Park shoreline is described in
3 Section 6.2.3. Seward Project 3 was selected because of the presence of angular cobble
4 (quarry spall) along the shoreline and restoration potential along the adjacent riparian zone.
5 Covering the angular cobble with gravel substrate will provide juvenile Chinook rearing
6 opportunity. Previous restoration projects by USACE and Seattle Parks in the immediate
7 vicinity have restored similar shorelines. This project extends and builds upon those previous
8 efforts.

9 **6.4.4. Mitigation Site Design**

10 Mitigation actions at this site will include gravel substrate installation and riparian
11 revegetation (Figure 6-4). Approximately 290 cubic yards of clean and appropriately-sized
12 gravel will be offloaded and spread to a depth of 1 foot. Although the substrate size and
13 distribution will be determined from subsequent analysis of sediment transport from wind-
14 generated waves and currents, the substrate will be installed with the smallest size
15 distribution possible in order to maximize habitat function for rearing juvenile Chinook.
16 Based on previous substrate enhancement projects, the substrate distribution will likely be
17 similar to what is shown in Table 6-2.

18 Because the riprap is largely above the managed lake levels and thinly applied, plants will be
19 installed through the riprap matrix. Revegetation will include live stakes near high lake level
20 elevation and transition to a riparian upland community. Riparian plantings will be installed
21 along the riprap face and adjacent uplands. Proposed planting zones, species lists, and
22 densities for revegetation are included in Appendix C. Specific planting plans for site-
23 specific conditions and constraints will be developed during the design phase. The
24 implementation schedule is detailed in Section 6.13.

25 The following constraints will limit design elements of this project:

- 26
 - Riparian restoration may not occur landward of the public walking trail.

27 The site design objectives and criteria are summarized below.

28 **Engineering Objectives**

- 29
 - Provide a low-gradient shoreline between low and high lake levels.
 - Provide gravel (round rock) and sand substrate along the shoreline that is
30 appropriately sized to avoid erosion.
31

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1 **Habitat Objectives:**

- 2 • Provide shallow, low-gradient rearing and migratory habitat during juvenile Chinook
3 and early juvenile sockeye rearing periods.
- 4 • Provide gravel and sand substrate along the shoreline that minimizes predator habitat.
- 5 • Provide overhanging vegetation along the shoreline for juvenile salmonid refugia and
6 forage base.
- 7 • Provide indirect riparian functions, including shading, pollutant filtration, and LWD
8 recruitment to the shoreline.
- 9 • Minimize construction impacts to existing habitat.
- 10 • Minimizes human impacts on areas of newly planted riparian habitat.

11 Design criteria describe the successful outcome that would result if the objectives are met.
12 Criteria have been compiled for both engineering and habitat components.

13 **Project Design Criteria**

- 14 • Substrate installed along the shoreline according to an analysis of sediment transport
15 from wind-generated waves and currents.

16 **Habitat Design Criteria**

- 17 • Enhance substrate in 0.18 acre of shallow aquatic habitat.
- 18 • Gravel substrate in the shallow littoral zone will be installed with the smallest size
19 distribution possible in order to maximize habitat function for rearing juvenile
20 Chinook.
- 21 • Provide 0.23 acre of enhanced riparian habitat adjacent to the shoreline.
- 22 • Include a vegetation plan to provide adequate shade and overhanging cover along the
23 shoreline.
- 24 • The spatial and temporal extent of in-water work will be minimized.
- 25 • In-water work will occur during designated in-water work windows.
- 26 • Impacts to native vegetation will be minimized
- 27 • Erosion will be minimized.

1 **6.4.5. Ecological Functions and Benefits**

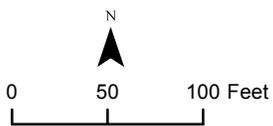
2 The mitigation actions at Seward Park will benefit the Cedar River Chinook juveniles (Table
 3 6-5). The conversion of angular cobble to gravel will reduce predation and increase prey
 4 productivity for juvenile Chinook. Riparian restoration will increase overhanging vegetation
 5 and woody debris cover.

6 **Table 6-5. Seward Park Project 3 Mitigation Benefits**

Mitigation Action	Acreage	Habitat Features Improved	Habitat Functions Improved	Species/Life Stage Addressed
Shoreline Enhancement (gravel supplementation)	0.18	Gradual, sloped bank Suitable sediment Prey input	Protection from predators Migratory corridor Spawning habitat	Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/Feeding) Chinook (Juvenile Migration)
Riparian Restoration	0.23	Vegetative cover Prey input	Protection from predators Food sources	

7

Mitigation Action	Acreage
Shoreline Enhancement	0.18
Riparian Restoration	0.23



- Shoreline Enhancement
 Shoreline Fringe Planting Zone
- Riparian Restoration
 OHWM
- Public Access
 2-foot Bathymetry

Figure 6-4.
Conceptual Restoration at the Seward Park Mitigation Site, Project 3

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1 **6.5 Seward Park Project 4**

2 **6.5.1. Site Location**

3 Seward Park is in the City of Seattle, along the western shore of Lake Washington, as shown
4 on Figure 6-1. Seward Project 4 is located on the northern shore of the park (Figure 6-5).

5 **6.5.2. Mitigation Site Existing Conditions and Fish Use**

6 The following section summarizes the existing conditions of the site from a habitat
7 standpoint. A detailed baseline characterization of shoreline conditions is available in the SR
8 520 Final Aquatic Assessment Report (WSDOT 2011c).

9 **Shoreline Conditions**

10 At Seward Project 4, the shoreline has a shallow shelf that extends to the north (~200 feet)
11 where the water is less than 20 feet deep during high lake level (Figure 6-5) before
12 transitioning to a steep slope. For the first 75 feet, the substrate is mostly cobble, gravel, and
13 sand. From there, the substrate quickly turns to predominantly sand. This shallow area is
14 predominantly gravel with some sand, and exposed hardpan. The project area includes the
15 shallow shelf that is predominantly sand.

16 **Ecological Condition of Adjacent Parcels**

17 See Section 6.2.2 for a general description of the Seward Park shoreline. The adjacent
18 shoreline to the west has a narrowing shelf with similar substrate. Immediately to the south
19 and west of the project area, the shelf is extremely narrow with gravel substrate. The
20 adjacent shoreline, on both sides, has natural sloping shoreline with high public use in the
21 summer, and minimal (in-water) use in the spring.

22 **Fish Use**

23 See Section 6.2.2 for a general description of Seward Park fish use. The Seward 4 shoreline
24 is assumed to be used by migrating juvenile Chinook from the Cedar River, although this
25 segment of shoreline has never been snorkeled for evidence of this fish use. Historical
26 records document sockeye spawning along this specific segment of the Seward Park
27 nearshore (Buchanan 2004). During a 1999 snorkel survey along the Seward Park shoreline,
28 the presence of adult sockeye carcasses at various locations on the Seward park shoreline
29 throughout October, November, and December indicated that beach spawning was occurring
30 (City of Seattle 2001). Therefore, this project area meets the 0.8 FFM criterion of being an
31 “aquatic site that is known to support documented spawning of at least one salmonid
32 species”, and is assigned an FFM of 0.8.

1 **6.5.3. Rationale for Site Selection**

2 The overall rationale for shoreline restoration at Seward Park is described in Section 6.2.3.
3 Seward Project 4 was selected because of the historical sockeye beach spawning records and
4 the potential to create new spawning habitat by covering sand substrate with gravel suitable
5 for sockeye spawning.

6 **6.5.4. Project Objectives and Design Criteria**

7 Seward Park Project 4 is located on the southeastern portion of the peninsula (Figure 6-5).
8 In general, sockeye dig redds in gravel and small cobbles between 13 and 102 mm (Reiser
9 and Bjornn 1979). Olsen (1968) indicated that sockeye may use either sand or gravel,
10 depending upon which is available. If small amounts of silt, detritus, or fine sand are mixed
11 with the coarser gravel, they are removed by the fish in the process of excavating the redd
12 (Foerster 1968). Mathisen (1955) observed sockeye salmon egg concentrations 6 to 9 inches
13 below the gravel surface. These observations on suitable habitat will govern the design
14 requirements for Lake Washington spawning supplementation. Approximately 1.36 acres of
15 lake nearshore will be supplemented with suitable gravel. Approximately 2,200 cubic yards
16 of clean and appropriately-sized gravel will be offloaded and spread to a depth of 1 foot.
17 Although the substrate size and distribution will be determined from subsequent analysis of
18 sediment transport from wind-generated waves and currents, the substrate will be installed
19 with a substrate size distribution that will be most suitable for sockeye spawning. Based on
20 previous substrate enhancement projects, the substrate distribution will likely be similar to
21 what is shown in Table 6-2. There are no apparent constraints to this project. The
22 implementation schedule is detailed in Section 6.13.

23 The site design objectives and criteria are summarized below.

24 **Engineering Objectives**

- 25 • Provide gravel (round rock) and sand substrate along the shoreline that is
26 appropriately sized to avoid erosion.

27 **Habitat Objectives**

- 28 • Provide gravel substrate along the shoreline that is suitable for sockeye beach
29 spawning.
- 30 • Minimize construction impacts to existing habitat.

31 Design criteria describe the successful outcome that would result if the objectives are met.
32 Criteria have been compiled for both engineering and habitat components.

33

1 **Engineering Design Criteria**

- 2 • Substrate installed along the shoreline according to an analysis of sediment transport
3 from wind-generated waves and currents.

4 **Habitat Design Criteria**

- 5 • Create 1.36 acres of suitable sockeye spawning habitat.
- 6 • Gravel substrate will be installed with the size distribution most suitable for sockeye
7 beach spawning.
- 8 • The spatial and temporal extent of in-water work will be minimized.
- 9 • In-water work will occur during designated in-water work windows.

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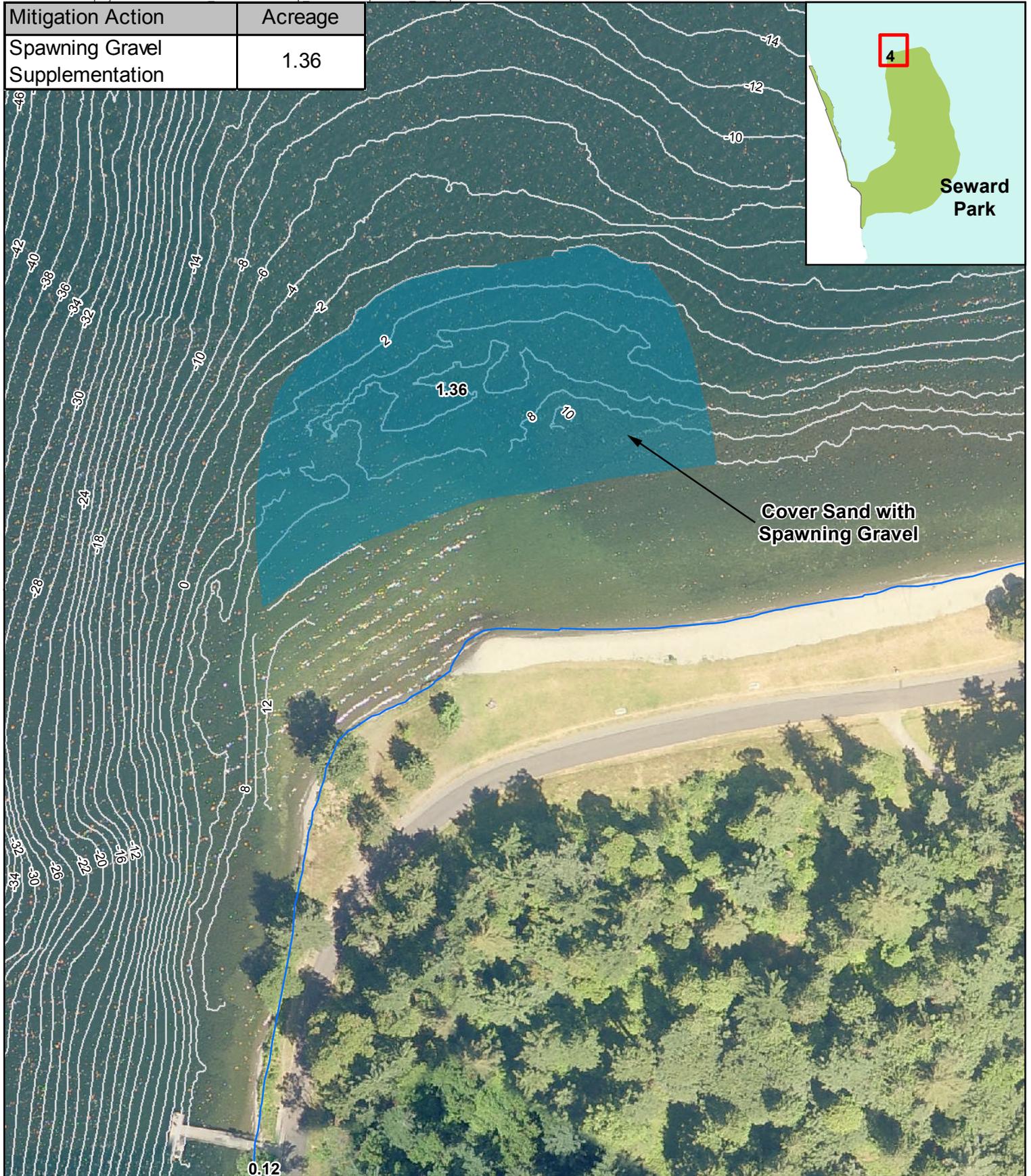


Figure 6-5.
Conceptual Restoration Plan at the Seward Park Mitigation Site, Project 4

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1 **6.5.5. Ecological Functions and Benefits**

2 The mitigation actions from Seward Project 4 will benefit lake spawning sockeye salmon
3 (Table 6-6). The conversion of sand and cobble substrate to gravel will result in substrate
4 that is suitable for sockeye spawning. Sockeye salmon are known to spawn along the Seward
5 Park shoreline, particularly where there is sufficient current to move water through the
6 gravels.

7 **Table 6-6. Seward Park Project 4 Mitigation Benefits**

Mitigation Action	Acreage	Habitat Features Improved	Habitat Functions Improved	Species/Life Stage Addressed
Shoreline Enhancement (Gravel Supplementation)	1.36	Suitable sediment	Spawning habitat	Sockeye (Spawning)

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9 **6.6 Magnuson Park Project 1**

10 **6.6.1. Site Location**

11 The Magnuson Park mitigation site is located on the northwest shore of Lake Washington
12 (Figure 6-1). Magnuson Project 1 is located south of the park boat launch (Figure 6-6).

13 **6.6.2. Mitigation Site Existing Conditions and Fish Use**

14 The following section summarizes the existing conditions of the site from a habitat
15 standpoint. A detailed baseline characterization of shoreline conditions is available in the SR
16 520 Final Aquatic Assessment Report (WSDOT 2011c).

17 **Shoreline Conditions**

18 Magnuson Park has an extensive shoreline. The shoreline has discontinuous segments that
19 vary by presence of bulkheads, presence of native vegetation, bank height, and bank slope.
20 Similar to Seward Park, some segments of the Magnuson Park shoreline have been restored
21 by regrading the bank to a lower slope, importing gravel to the re-sloped beaches, and
22 revegetating narrow riparian zone strips immediately adjacent to the shoreline. A boat
23 launch on the southern end of the park has a heavily armored shoreline at approximately
24 50 feet on either side of the ramps, and is incompatible with shoreline restoration. Two
25 swimming areas are also incompatible with restoration.

1 The length of the Magnuson 1 shoreline is approximately 300 feet. A 2-foot-high vertical
2 bank is actively eroding and has concrete/asphalt rubble along the shore (Figure A-4).
3 Vertical profiles are provided in Appendix B. One piece of large woody debris was observed
4 on the shoreline. The shoreline has a 9 to 14% slope (WSDOT 2011c; Appendix B).
5 Substrate is predominantly cobble and gravel. Riparian vegetation is managed grass lawn,
6 with one area of native vegetation along the shoreline. This area has been planted with
7 native shrubs and a few trees and contributes about 500 sq. ft. of cover from overhanging
8 vegetation. A wide impervious walking path runs through the riparian zone.

9 **Ecological Condition of Adjacent Parcels**

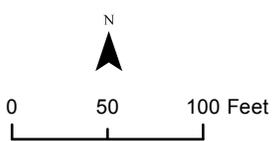
10 The adjacent parcels south of Magnuson Park are residences with bulkheads and docks. The
11 adjacent parcels to the north and west belong to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
12 Administration (NOAA). The adjacent NOAA shoreline has a character similar to that of the
13 Magnuson Park shoreline.

14 Directly adjacent to and south of Magnuson Project 1, the shoreline is vegetated with a thin
15 and discontinuous row of deciduous trees. The shoreline is mostly vertical and varies in
16 height above the water line. Bank protection associated with the boat launch is directly
17 adjacent to and north of the project area. Park structures constrain riparian revegetation to
18 the north.

19 **Fish Use**

20 The Magnuson Park shoreline is likely used by juvenile Chinook from the North Lake
21 Washington tributaries and the Sammamish/Issaquah Creek system as they migrate toward
22 the Ship Canal. The shoreline segments with shallow water and cover are used by the
23 juvenile Chinook for rearing, foraging, and refugia. North Lake Washington Chinook
24 juveniles have bimodal migration timing, with some 0+ juveniles migrating out of their
25 natal streams toward the lake as newly emerged fry (35–40 millimeter [mm] fork length) in
26 early spring and others as smolts (85–95 mm fork length) in late May–June (Seiler et al.
27 2003). The early fry may use the Magnuson Park shoreline and other nearshore areas in
28 Lake Washington for rearing, foraging, and migration. The larger Chinook juveniles reside
29 in waters between 3 and 18 feet deep during the day, primarily over sand-gravel substrates.
30 These larger juveniles will use the shoreline features for fish cover on an infrequent basis
31 (King County 2005). Fish distribution data collected by (Fresh, NOAA Fisheries, NWFSC,
32 unpublished data) are presented in Appendix D. These data indicate low densities of wild
33 Chinook fry and other juvenile salmonids along the Magnuson Park shoreline during the
34 early and late spring. Because the densities of juvenile Chinook are relatively low compared
35 to that of other sites in the south lake, the Magnuson Project 1 scores a “Moderate” FFM
36 score of 0.6 in terms of the juvenile rearing criterion (Table 4-1).

Mitigation Action	Acreage
Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	0.13
Riparian Restoration	0.37



- Hard Structure Removal
- Shoreline Enhancement
- Riparian Restoration
- Public Access
- OHWM
- Transect Line
- 2-foot Contour

Figure 6-6.
Conceptual Restoration Plan at the Magnuson Park Mitigation Site, Project 1

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1 Historical records document sockeye spawning along the Magnuson Park nearshore at Sand
2 Point, to the north of Magnuson Projects 1 and 2 (Buchanan 2004). Sockeye fry originating
3 from adults spawning on the Magnuson Park shoreline may use the littoral zone of Magnuson
4 Park for very early rearing. Because sockeye spawning has not been documented in the
5 specific project area, Magnuson Project 1 scores a “Moderate” FFM score of 0.6 in terms of
6 the spawning criterion (Table 4-1).

7 **6.6.3. Rationale for Site Selection**

8 Magnuson Park was selected for shoreline and riparian restoration because of its predicted
9 use by North Lake Washington and Sammamish/Issaquah Chinook salmon juveniles for
10 foraging, rearing, and migration toward the Ship Canal (Seiler et al. 2003). Some shoreline
11 segments in and adjacent to the park have already been restored. Magnuson Project 1 will
12 build on these past efforts and provide a more continuous natural shoreline.

13 **6.6.4. Mitigation Site Design**

14 Mitigation actions at Magnuson Project 1 will include the creation of two cove beaches,
15 separated by an existing vegetated point (Figure 6-6). In addition, targeted areas of the
16 riparian zone will be restored in a configuration that will allow for public access to both cove
17 beaches. Implementing this concept includes bank re-sloping, gravel augmentation, LWD
18 installation, and revegetation. Grading plans will be developed that are consistent with
19 Magnuson cross-sections A–C (Figure 6-6, Appendix B). Shoreline sediments may be
20 comprised of rubble and anthropogenic backfill. Therefore, over-excavation and placement
21 of clean material may be warranted. Approximately 323 cubic yards of clean and
22 appropriately sized gravel will be offloaded and spread to a depth of 1 foot. Although the
23 substrate size and distribution will be determined from a subsequent analysis of sediment
24 transport from wind-generated waves and currents, the substrate will be installed with the
25 smallest size distribution possible in order to maximize habitat function for rearing juvenile
26 Chinook. Based on previous substrate enhancement projects, the substrate distribution will
27 likely be similar to what is shown in Table 6-2. LWD will be installed at the bank at the high
28 lake level at a frequency of approximately 1 piece per 100 feet. Revegetation will include
29 live stakes installed near high lake level elevation and transition to a riparian upland
30 community. Proposed planting zones, species lists, and densities for revegetation are
31 included in Appendix C. Specific planting plans for site-specific conditions and constraints
32 will be developed during the design phase. The implementation schedule is detailed in
33 Section 6.13.

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1 The following constraints will limit design elements of this project:

- 2 • Riparian restoration will not occur landward of the public walking trail.
- 3 • The extensive use of this area by the public will require existing uses to persist in a
- 4 portion of the riparian zone (grass, paths, etc.).

5 The site design objectives and criteria are summarized below.

6 **Engineering Objectives**

- 7 • Provide two cove beaches with a low-gradient shoreline between low and high lake
- 8 levels.
- 9 • Remove concrete and asphalt rubble along shoreline.
- 10 • Provide gravel (round rock) and sand substrate along the shoreline that is
- 11 appropriately sized to avoid erosion.

12 **Habitat Objectives**

- 13 • Provides shallow, low-gradient rearing and migratory habitat during juvenile Chinook
- 14 rearing periods.
- 15 • Provides overhanging vegetation along the shoreline for juvenile salmonid refugia
- 16 and forage base.
- 17 • Provides gravel and sand substrate along the shoreline that minimizes predator
- 18 habitat.
- 19 • Provides LWD keyed into the shoreline for fish cover.
- 20 • Provides indirect riparian functions, including shading, pollutant filtration, and LWD
- 21 recruitment to the shoreline.
- 22 • Minimizes construction impacts to existing habitat.
- 23 • Minimizes human impacts on areas of newly planted riparian habitat.

24 Design criteria describe the successful outcome that would result if the objectives are met.
25 Criteria have been compiled for both engineering and habitat components.

1 **Engineering Design Criteria**

- 2 • The slope of the enhanced shoreline habitat will be at or below 15% grade, as
3 measured from low lake level to high lake level.
- 4 • Excavate shoreline sediments until the extent of rubble and anthropogenic backfill is
5 reached and replace with clean material.
- 6 • Substrate will be installed along the shoreline according to an analysis of sediment
7 transport from wind-generated waves and currents.

8 **Habitat Design Criteria**

- 9 • Provide 0.13 acre of shallow aquatic habitat.
- 10 • Gravel substrate will be the smallest possible size distribution in order to provide
11 maximum habitat benefits to rearing juvenile Chinook.
- 12 • Provide 0.37 acres of enhanced riparian habitat adjacent to the shoreline.
- 13 • Include a vegetation plan to provide adequate shade and overhanging cover along the
14 shoreline.
- 15 • The spatial and temporal extent of in-water work will be minimized.
- 16 • In-water work will occur during designated in-water work windows.
- 17 • Impacts to native vegetation will be minimized.
- 18 • Erosion will be minimized.

19 **6.6.5. Ecological Functions and Benefits**

20 The mitigation actions at Magnuson Park will benefit a portion of the North Lake
21 Washington and Sammamish/Issaquah Chinook juveniles that require shallow water rearing
22 and foraging habitat (Table 6-7). The juvenile Chinook will benefit from the conversion of
23 the eroding shoreline and bulkheads to a gradually-sloping natural condition with functional
24 riparian vegetation. These improved habitat features will provide an unobstructed migratory
25 pathway, protection from piscivorous and avian predators, and enhanced food sources from
26 the natural sediments and overhanging vegetation. The larger juveniles spend most of their
27 time in deeper water, between 3 and 18 feet deep, but the gravel supplementation proposed
28 within this depth range will match their preferred substrate. The Magnuson Park shoreline is
29 located along the migratory corridor for Sammamish/ Issaquah Creek juvenile Chinook;
30 these juveniles are using the entire littoral zone (shallow and deeper) during migration.

1 The mitigation action benefits survival of juvenile Chinook by increasing habitat function
 2 along their migratory path toward the Ship Canal.

3 **Table 6-7. Magnuson Project 1 Mitigation Benefits**

Mitigation Action	Acreage	Habitat Features Improved	Habitat Functions Improved	Species/ Life Stage Addressed
Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	0.13	Gradual, sloped bank Suitable sediment Prey input	Protection from predators Migratory corridor	Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/Feeding) Chinook (Juvenile Migration)
Riparian Restoration	0.37	Vegetative cover Prey input	Protection from predators Food sources	

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5 **6.7 Magnuson Park Project 2**

6 **6.7.1. Site Location**

7 The Magnuson Park mitigation site is located on the northwest shore of Lake Washington
 8 (Figure 6-1). Magnuson Project 2 is located adjacent to and north of the Magnuson Park boat
 9 launch (Figure 6-7). The length of this segment is approximately 450 feet.

10 **6.7.2. Mitigation Site Existing Conditions and Fish Use**

11 The following section summarizes the existing conditions of the site from a habitat
 12 standpoint. A detailed baseline characterization of shoreline conditions is available in the SR
 13 520 Final Aquatic Assessment Report (WSDOT 2011c).

14 **Shoreline Conditions**

15 See Section 6.6.2 for a discussion of the Magnuson Park shoreline. Riparian vegetation at
 16 Magnuson 2 is mostly grass, but a narrow band of deciduous trees along the shoreline
 17 provides a substantial amount of bank protection and cover. The trees have stabilized the
 18 banks and created cover from overhanging vegetation along the entire project area.
 19 Approximately the same area has either concrete rubble or a concrete bulkhead in the water.
 20 The 2-foot-wide concrete bulkhead is about 5 feet waterward of the shoreline and is a
 21 continuous barrier to fish accessing this functional shoreline (Figure A-5). The shoreline has
 22 a 14 to 38% slope. The bulkhead appears to cause sediment to accrue inside the bulkhead
 23 and erode waterward of the bulkhead. The natural substrate is predominantly gravel and
 24 cobble, but concrete rubble is widespread, extending 15- 20 feet from the shoreline.

1 **Ecological Condition of Adjacent Parcels**

2 See Section 6.2.2 for a description of parcels adjacent to Magnuson Park. Immediately
3 adjacent to and south of the Magnuson Project 2 area is the public boat launch and riprap
4 shoreline. Immediately adjacent to and north of the project area is a previously restored
5 shoreline with gradually sloped banks and gravel substrate. Landward, and to the west,
6 Seattle parks and WSDOT (2011a) are enhancing and creating interconnected wetland
7 complexes that ultimately discharge to Lake Washington. Wetland water quality at the
8 wetland outlet was within surface water quality standards, with the exception of dissolved
9 oxygen (Otak 2010).

10 **Fish Use**

11 See Section 6.2.2 for a discussion of fish use in the Magnuson Park area. Since juvenile
12 Chinook occur along Magnuson Park (See Section 6.6.2 and Appendix D), but the density is
13 lower compared to that sites in the south lake, Magnuson Project 2 scores a “Moderate” FFM
14 score of 0.6 in terms of the juvenile rearing criterion (Table 4-1).

15 Historical records document sockeye spawning along the Magnuson Park nearshore at Sand
16 Point, to the north of Magnuson Projects 1 and 2 (Buchanan 2004). Sockeye fry originating
17 from adults spawning on the Magnuson Park shoreline may use the littoral zone of Magnuson
18 Park for very early rearing. Because sockeye spawning has not been documented in either
19 specific project area, Magnuson Project 2 scores a “Moderate” FFM score of 0.6 in terms of
20 the spawning criterion (Table 4-1).

21 **6.7.3. Rationale for Site Selection**

22 Magnuson Park was selected for shoreline and riparian restoration because of its predicted
23 use by North Lake Washington and Sammamish/Issaquah Chinook salmon juveniles for
24 foraging, rearing, and migration toward the Ship Canal (Seiler et al. 2003). Some shoreline
25 segments in and adjacent to the park have already been restored. Magnuson Project 2 will
26 build on these past efforts and provide a more continuous natural shoreline.

27 **6.7.4. Mitigation Site Design**

28 The primary mitigation actions at this site will include removal of the continuous bulkhead
29 and rubble. The existing root structure of the bank vegetation will likely prevent shoreline
30 erosion when the bulkhead and rubble are removed. However, if the existing root structure is
31 insufficient to prevent shoreline erosion, re-grading and gravel placement will be considered.
32 A surface water channel would also be constructed to convey flows from both WSDOT’s
33 wetland mitigation site and Seattle Park’s planned habitat improvements. It is anticipated
34 that the surface water outlet channel will typically carry 1 to 2 cfs of baseflow and will be
35 accessible to fish for a distance (roughly 100 feet) to the point of the existing path. From this
36 point, fish passage will be prevented by the installation of a weir, or similar impediment, to

1 avoid the potential of fish access to unsuitable habitat or fish stranding. Water flowing from
2 the wetlands will be aerated in the weir prior to entry into the lake. The implementation
3 schedule is detailed in Section 6.13.

4 The site design objectives and criteria are summarized below.

5 **Engineering Objectives**

- 6 • Provide a surface water outlet channel downgradient of wetland complex.
- 7 • Prevent fish passage into the wetland complex.

8 **Habitat Objectives**

- 9 • Provide access to the existing shoreline to juvenile Chinook by removing bulkhead.
- 10 • Provide shallow aquatic habitat to juvenile Chinook by removing rubble.
- 11 • Provide shallow surface water outlet channel habitat downgradient of the Seattle
12 Parks proposed wetland complex that is suitable for juvenile Chinook rearing.
- 13 • Prevent fish access between the proposed surface water outlet channel and the Seattle
14 Parks wetland complex.
- 15 • Minimize construction impacts to existing habitat.
- 16 • Minimizes human impacts on areas of newly planted riparian habitat.

17 Design criteria describe the successful outcome that would result if the objectives are met.
18 Criteria have been compiled for both engineering and habitat components.

19 **Engineering Design Criteria**

- 20 • Surface water channel banks will not erode from wetland discharge or lake wave
21 action.
- 22 • Surface water channel will not have angular cobble (riprap) below the OHWM.

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1 **Habitat Design Criteria**

- 2 • Provide 0.04 acres of surface water outlet channel habitat with overhanging
3 vegetation and substrate suitable for juvenile Chinook rearing.
- 4 • Enhance 0.14 acre of shallow aquatic habitat by removing bulkhead and rubble
5 material.
- 6 • Restore 0.73 acre of riparian habitat and function.
- 7 • The spatial and temporal extent of in-water work will be minimized.
- 8 • In-water work will occur during designated in-water work windows.

9 **6.7.5. Ecological Functions and Benefits**

10 The ecological functions and benefits of Magnuson Project 2 will be the same as described in
11 Section 6.6.5. The quantities of the benefits are shown in Table 6-8.

12 **Table 6-8. Magnuson Park Project 2 Mitigation Benefits**

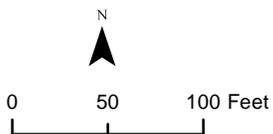
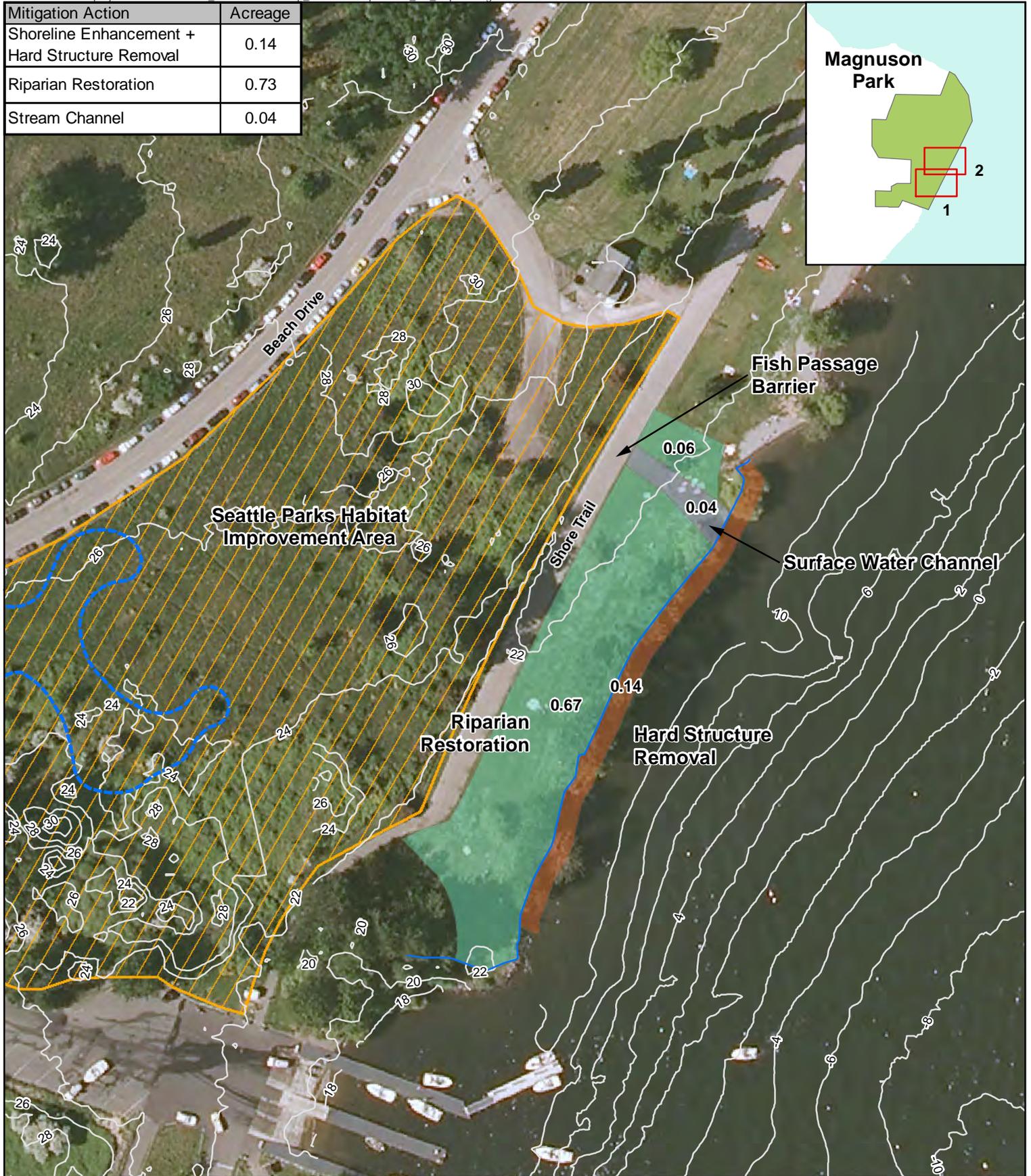
Mitigation Action	Acreage	Habitat Features Improved	Habitat Functions Improved	Species/ Life Stage Addressed
Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	0.14	Gradual, sloped bank Suitable sediment Prey input	Protection from predators Migratory corridor	Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/Feeding) Chinook (Juvenile Migration)
Surface Water Outlet Channel Creation	0.04	Suitable sediment Prey input		
Riparian Restoration	0.73	Vegetative cover Prey input		

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Mitigation Action	Acres
Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	0.14
Riparian Restoration	0.73
Stream Channel	0.04



- Hard Structure Removal
- Riparian Restoration
- Stream Channel
- Public Access
- Seattle Parks Habitat Improvement Area
- Phase III Mitigation
- OHWM
- 2-foot Contour

Figure 6-7.
Conceptual Restoration Plan at the Magnuson Park Mitigation Site, Project 2

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1 **6.8 Taylor Creek Site**

2 **6.8.1. Site Location**

3 Taylor Creek is located in southeast Seattle (Figure 6-1). It is the fourth-largest creek in
4 Seattle and drains a predominantly residential and park watershed. Its headwaters lie in King
5 County and over two-thirds of the creek flows through relatively undisturbed wooded areas.
6 Within the city limits, the creek flows through a large forested park before flowing into Lake
7 Washington close to the southern city limits. The creek is unique in Seattle because of the
8 length of contiguous forested buffers, low levels of development, and intact headwater
9 wetlands. Taylor Creek enters the lake approximately 1.7 miles from the mouth of the Cedar
10 River. The project area is the most downstream segment between Rainier Avenue South and
11 Lake Washington (Figure 6-8).

12 **6.8.2. Existing Conditions and Fish Use**

13 The following section summarizes the existing conditions of the site from a habitat
14 standpoint. A detailed baseline characterization is available in the SR 520 Draft Aquatic
15 Assessment Report (WSDOT 2011).

16 **Shoreline Conditions**

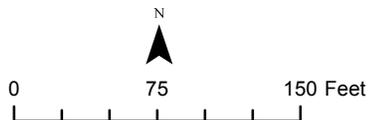
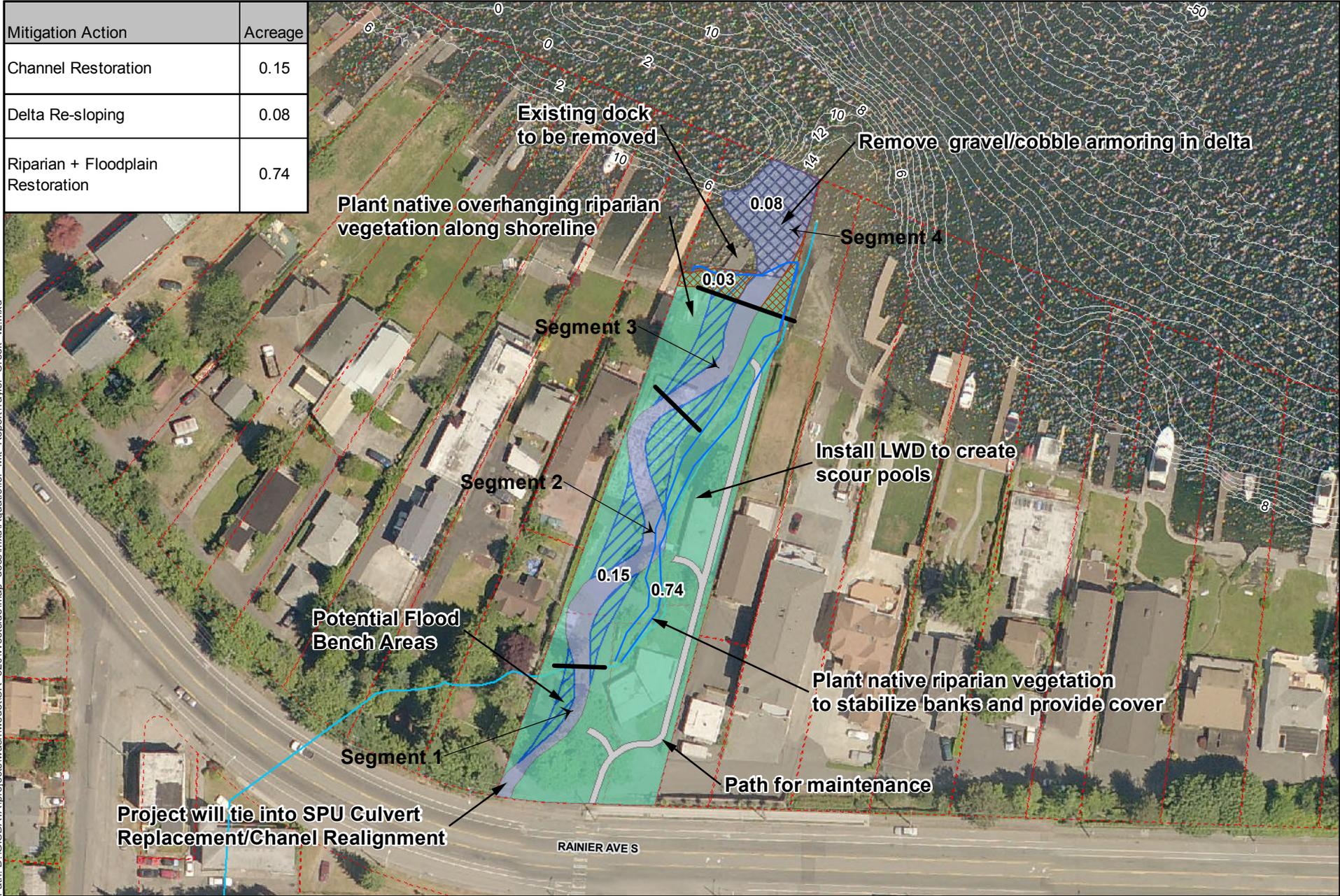
17 Taylor Creek has formed a delta along the Lake Washington shoreline (Figure A-6). The
18 substrate is sorted by the preferential flowpaths through the delta. In the flowpaths, the
19 substrate is composed of sand, with gravel and some cobble underneath the sand. Directly
20 adjacent to this flowpath, the substrate composition of the delta changes to unembedded
21 gravel and cobble and patches of sand (WSDOT 2011c). Due to accretion from sediment
22 deposits consisting of large particle sizes, the delta can inhibit fish passage during periods of
23 low lake levels. The delta transitions into a sandy beach with small pockets of marsh
24 vegetation (i.e., rushes). This very narrow marsh fringe transitions into a residential lawn
25 (Figure A-7). Upstream, the creek flows from Rainier Avenue South through residential
26 properties for approximately 560 feet before reaching the delta. The stream habitat in this
27 reach is degraded because it has been confined by modifications including concrete walls,
28 boulders, and chunks of concrete (Figure A-8). The channel has been straightened to allow
29 for the current residential use adjacent to the creek. The riparian/ floodplain area has been
30 modified with fill, residential homes, asphalt driveways, and a patio/dock structure on the
31 shoreline. The small amount of vegetation along the creek consists of a few mature trees and
32 ornamental plants. The culvert under Rainier Avenue South is a total barrier to salmonids.
33 No salmon have been found upstream of Rainier Avenue South for decades. The culvert was
34 built in sections over time with different-sized pipes. Portions of the culvert are on private
35 property.

1 **Ecological Condition of Adjacent Parcels**

2 Adjacent parcels along the shoreline and creek are high-density residential. The shoreline
3 consists of bulkheads and docks. Upstream of the project area, Taylor Creek is likely to be
4 realigned and enhanced. The WSDOT Taylor Creek project will be coordinated with this
5 upstream restoration effort.

Mitigation Action	Acreage
Channel Restoration	0.15
Delta Re-sloping	0.08
Riparian + Floodplain Restoration	0.74

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- Riparian Restoration
- Flood Bench Area
- Parcel
- Stream channel
- Maintenance Path
- OHWM
- Delta Re-sloping
- Shoreline Fringe Planting Zone
- Existing Stream
- 2-foot Contour

Figure 6-8.
Conceptual Restoration Plan at the Taylor Creek Mitigation Site

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1 **Fish Use**

2 Taylor Creek is used by sockeye, coho, and Chinook salmon, as indicated during surveys by
3 Washington Trout (2000). These surveys are part of an annual program to document
4 spawning salmon. Washington Trout inspects Seattle’s major creeks weekly during the
5 spawning season and documents the number of live and dead fish as well as the locations of
6 redds (excavations dug by salmonids in gravel or other substrate for depositing eggs).
7 Annual salmon spawning surveys have found coho and sockeye pooling just downstream of
8 Rainier Avenue South. The results of these surveys are shown in Table 6-9. Juvenile
9 Chinook use the Taylor Creek delta and convergence pool for feeding and rearing, but cannot
10 typically access the upstream habitat because the gradient is too high (Tabor et al. 2004a)
11 during low lake levels. Tabor et al. (2010b) surveyed Taylor Creek in the summer and found
12 juvenile Chinook and coho in Taylor Creek.

13 **Table 6-9. Spawning Survey Results on Taylor Creek**

Year	Coho	Sockeye
2000	0	28
2001	2	20
2002	4	29

14 Source: SPU and Washington Trout

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16 A fish use and habitat evaluation of Taylor Creek concluded that the creek is capable of
17 supporting coho and sockeye (Washington Trout 2000).

18 **6.8.3. Rationale for Site Selection**

19 The WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Recovery Plan (King County 2005) prioritized the reduction
20 of predation on juvenile migrants in Lake Washington by providing increased rearing and
21 refuge opportunities. The Recovery Plan prescribes the restoration of shallow water habitats
22 and creek mouths for juvenile rearing and migration. Chinook are known to make extensive
23 use of tributary habitat in South Lake Washington (Tabor et al. 2006).

24 **6.8.4. Mitigation Site Design**

25 The stream, delta, and riparian restoration proposed by WSDOT will work in concert with
26 separate restoration actions that will be implemented upstream by SPU. SPU is currently
27 developing plans to replace the Taylor Creek culvert under Rainier Avenue South to the

1 southeast at a new grade to restore fish passage. The City’s work will accomplish the
2 following objectives:

- 3 • Provide full fish passage for all life stages and species of native salmonids.
- 4 • Pass flows beyond the 25-year flood event to meet drainage service levels.
- 5 • Minimize any flow constrictions that affect flooding conditions.

6 SPU has already acquired the properties in the WSDOT project area, below Rainier Avenue
7 South to Lake Washington (Figure 6-8) and is independently developing alternative
8 restoration designs for the WSDOT project area. The WSDOT project will begin at the outlet
9 of the SPU culvert replacement under Rainier Avenue South.

10 WSDOT proposes to develop a restoration design that both meets the objectives of SPU’s
11 restoration concept and satisfies the compensatory mitigation requirements of the project.
12 Based on a functional assessment of the baseline conditions at the Taylor Creek site
13 (WSDOT 2011) restoration actions in the WSDOT project area will focus on the following
14 goals to address functional deficiencies of the site:

- 15 • The site presently has a high degree of hydromodification along the stream banks.
16 WSDOT proposes to increase floodplain and stream capacity and natural floodplain
17 and stream functions.
- 18 • WSDOT proposes to improve the channel configuration and gradient to allow for
19 proper sediment transport and minimize large gravel and cobble depositing on the
20 delta. The larger SPU project will need to address sediment management upstream to
21 support this approach.
- 22 • WSDOT proposes to improve channel complexity with increased sinuosity and
23 incorporation of woody debris.
- 24 • Riparian quality is very poor. WSDOT proposes to enhance the full extent of riparian
25 habitat available at the site.

26 The entire project area, including out into the delta will undergo channel, floodplain, and
27 riparian restoration. Floodplain restoration will include excavation of a floodway on the site
28 to create a lower elevation zone along the channel throughout the site that can be accessed by
29 higher flows. Berms will be created along the parcel boundaries to allow natural flooding in
30 the project area, but protect adjacent private property. All structures, impervious surfaces,
31 non-essential utilities, underground storage tanks, and the existing patio and dock will be
32 removed. In addition, the existing channel armoring and floodplain fill will be removed,
33 providing a natural floodplain grade.

1 The channel will be reconstructed with the primary objective of differential sediment size
2 deposition to reduce the load of particles larger than 1 inch in diameter reaching the delta.
3 Allowing only finer sediments to reach the delta would enable more effective erosive
4 processes from wave and current action, thereby minimizing accretion. The mitigation site
5 does not have sufficient capacity to completely manage the estimated sediment load
6 delivered by the Taylor Creek system. The proposed sediment sorting approach will need to
7 work in concert with the larger SPU project to address sediment management both upstream
8 and on the site.

9 The channel design is predicated upon manipulating the competence of the stream's transport
10 capacity. The competence refers to the largest particle size that will be moved by a given
11 discharge, and in the case of this channel design is the 2-year discharge. The 2-year discharge
12 was selected as the design flow for channel size and sediment dynamics because the
13 proposed addition of a floodway and active floodplain on-site ensures that sediment transport
14 does not increase significantly during flow events exceeding the bankfull discharge.

15 Using sediment data collected by SPU (2007), an analysis is being conducted to generally
16 correlate the deposition of different sediment sizes to stream gradient. Based on the sediment
17 load and grain size distribution data for the design flow, channel segments with a transport
18 capacity specific to target size fractions of the load are proposed. The channel hydraulic
19 radius and slope will be specified to result in an even and progressively coarse to fine
20 distribution of sediment size fractions deposited under normal flows toward the delta. A
21 schematic of the geomorphic analyses required to develop a channel design is shown in
22 Figure 6-9.

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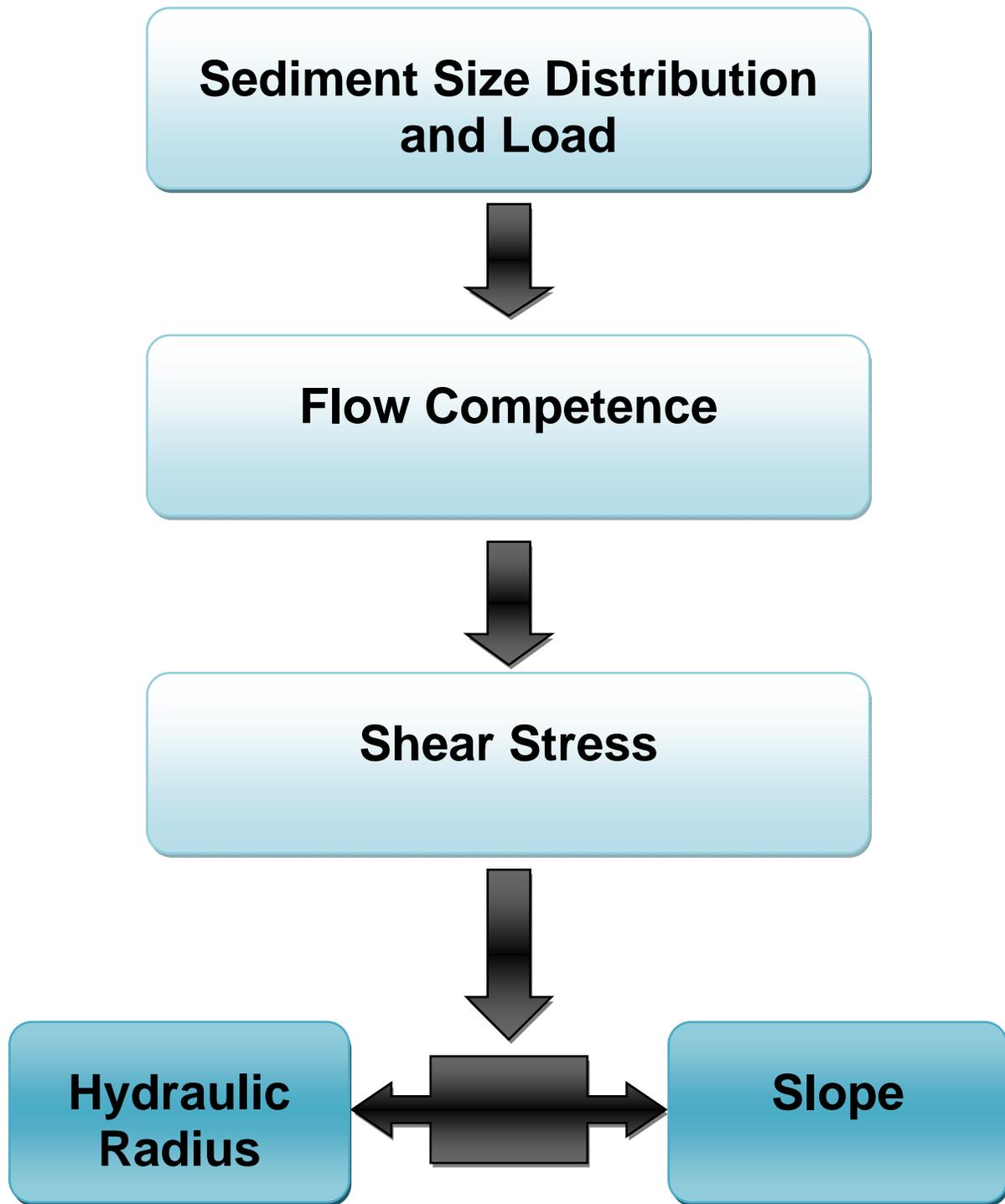


Figure 6-9. Taylor Creek Channel Design Schematic

1 The mouth and delta of Taylor Creek will be configured to minimize constraints on the
2 natural evolution of the stream delta. The cobble substrate that is currently armoring the
3 delta will be removed. This will expose the smaller sand and gravel that can be reworked by
4 stream flows and waves to maintain an open channel across the delta at low lake levels. This
5 change will result in a more complex delta that is passable by juvenile and adult salmon.

6 The full available width of the site will be planted with riparian vegetation and the lake
7 shoreline plantings will focus on overhanging woody vegetation to promote juvenile rearing
8 habitat. Once the riparian vegetation has become established, it will provide cover, bank
9 stability, water quality filtration, and (long-term) LWD recruitment. Proposed planting
10 palettes for revegetation are included in Appendix C. Specific planting plans will be based
11 on site-specific conditions and constraints. The following site constraints limit restoration on
12 the site:

- 13 • Riparian and floodplain restoration is limited by the width of the acquired parcels.
- 14 • Maintenance paths (Figure 6-8) will not be vegetated.
- 15 • Channel design is constrained by the available space in the acquired parcels.
- 16 • Channel design must be compatible with the SPU restoration work upstream of
17 Rainier Avenue South, and the new realigned culvert under Rainier Avenue South.

18 The site design objectives and criteria are summarized below.

19 *Engineering Objectives*

- 20 • Provide a design that is supported by SPU and is forward-compatible with, or
21 sequenced after, the planned restoration actions upstream of Rainier Avenue South.
- 22 • Support delta processes that promote fish passage at all flows and lake levels by
23 inhibiting deposition of larger particles and general accretion of the delta.
- 24 • Provide a channel geometry that promotes the deposition of larger particle sizes in the
25 upstream segments, and a progressive fining of sediment size deposition toward the
26 lake.
- 27 • Provide a channel with lateral and vertical stability to maintain the target function of
28 sediment deposition.
- 29 • Excavate accreted delta material and salvage for use in constructed channel.

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- 1 • Do not adversely impact adjacent property owners.
- 2 • Do not adversely impact existing habitat within the littoral habitat of Lake
3 Washington.
- 4 • Anticipate future changes in stream dynamics and develop appropriate contingency
5 measures.
- 6 • Work closely with SPU to develop and implement an overall integrated sediment
7 management plan that will facilitate manageable sediment dynamics in the
8 constrained context of the site and ensure the success of the mitigation project
9 downstream of Rainier Avenue South.

10 **Habitat Objectives**

- 11 • Improve upstream passability through delta re-sloping.
- 12 • Improve instream habitat complexity.
- 13 • Improve riparian conditions along the channel and at the mouth to promote
14 allochthonous materials input to the channel and nearshore lake habitats.
- 15 • Improve spawning and rearing conditions for native salmonids, with an emphasis on
16 juvenile Chinook rearing habitat along the lake shoreline and in the creek (Tabor et
17 al. 2006).
- 18 • Minimize construction impacts to existing habitat.

19 The following criteria define the successful outcomes that would result if the above
20 objectives are met. Criteria have been compiled for both engineering and habitat components.

21 **Engineering Design Criteria**

- 22 • Provide a laterally stable channel geometry within the project limits that transports
23 only particles 1 inch or smaller to the confluence of Lake Washington for the 2-year
24 design flow.
- 25 • Match transport capacity to sediment size distribution and load to create differential
26 deposition zones or channel segments. Provide channel cross-section and platform
27 (sinuosity) that correlate with transport capacity.

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- 1 • Progressively sort coarse to fine sediment deposition from downstream; use
- 2 competence and related shear stress to determine channel cross-section and profile.
- 3 ○ Segment 1 – 4 inch particle size competence
- 4 ○ Segment 2 – 3 inch particle size competence
- 5 ○ Segment 3 – 2 inch particle size competence
- 6 ○ Segment 4 – 1 inch particle size competence
- 7 • Size channel sub-grade material to maintain stability.
- 8 • Lower elevation of delta at a < 15% slope from mouth of constructed channel.
- 9 Salvage excavated material for use as appropriate in reconstructed channel.
- 10 • The mitigation site alone does not have sufficient capacity to accept the entire
- 11 estimated sediment load without overwhelming the proposed graded deposition zone.
- 12 The proposed approach critically relies on establishing an overall sediment
- 13 management plan as part of the larger SPU project that reduces the sediment load
- 14 delivered to the site located downstream of Rainier Avenue South.

15 **Habitat Design Criteria**

- 16 • Provide approximately 600 linear feet of channel.
- 17 • Provide 0.74 acres of enhanced riparian habitat adjacent to channel.
- 18 • Include a vegetation plan to provide adequate shade and overhanging cover along
- 19 channel.
- 20 • Incorporate LWD where feasible to provide cover and to promote pool formation.

21 **6.8.5. Ecological Functions and Benefits**

22 The proposed channel will be more complex, much less confined, and will attenuate

23 sediment transport to the delta relative to the existing condition. This proposed condition

24 will benefit multiple fish uses (Table 6-10). Coho and sockeye will have suitable spawning

25 habitat in the riffle habitat and rearing habitat in the pools and margins. Pools associated

26 with LWD will be particularly beneficial for coho and sockeye rearing. Chinook and

27 sockeye fry will benefit from rearing and feeding in the delta, shoreline fringe, and the

28 vegetated margins of the creek. Because the site is a migratory and rearing area of

29 considerable importance for juvenile Chinook salmon, and coho and sockeye spawning

30 occurs in the project area, the channel and riparian areas have a Fish Function Modifier score

31 of 0.8 (Table 6-1). Because of the uncertainty regarding sediment delivery to the delta,

32 WSDOT has made a conservative assumption that the improvements there are likely to be

33 temporary unless an effective sediment management plan is implemented upstream.

1 Therefore, the mitigation value of the delta restoration area has been further discounted to
 2 reflect this uncertainty (i.e. a “mitigation type” modifier of 0.4 is applied to this area).

3 **Table 6-10. Taylor Creek Mitigation Benefits**

Mitigation Action	Acreage	Habitat Features Improved	Habitat Functions Improved	Species/Life Stage Addressed
Channel Restoration	0.15	LWD recruitment Off-channel Protection from predators	Food sources Suitable spawning habitat	Chinook (Rearing/Feeding) Sockeye (Spawning)
Delta Re-Sloping Restoration	0.08	Protection from predators Prey input substrate size	Protection from predators Fish passage potential Food sources	Sockeye (Rearing/Feeding) Coho (Spawning)
Riparian + Floodplain Restoration	0.74	Vegetative cover Prey input	Protection from predators Food sources	Coho (Rearing/Feeding)

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5 **6.9 South Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration (DNR Parcel)**

6 **6.9.1. Site Location**

7 The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages approximately
 8 3 acres of filled shoreline area in South Lake Washington. The property is located adjacent to
 9 the Boeing plant, approximately 1,300 feet east of the mouth of the Cedar River and 600 feet
 10 west of Gene Coulon Park (Figures 6-1, 6-10).

11 **6.9.2. Mitigation Site Existing Conditions and Fish Use**

12 **Shoreline Conditions**

13 This property was created in 1965 when Puget Sound Power and Light (PSPL) was permitted
 14 to place 150,000 cubic yards of fill into the lake (Figure A-9). The fill was placed alongside a
 15 flume made of two sheet-pile walls that PSPL used to release cooling waters from its
 16 Shuffleton Steam Plant. The flume is still located along the shoreline of this property.

17 Approximately half of the hardened shoreline consists of the 650-foot-long flume on the
 18 northeastern half of the project area (Figure A-10). Portions of the adjacent upland and a

1 private dock require sections of the flume for stability. The remaining shoreline in the
2 project area (600 feet) has a natural grade, but is hardened with riprap. The entire shoreline
3 and riparian zone is in a degraded condition, with some native vegetation cover (Figure A-
4 12). Three dolphins are located east of the shoreline. Dolphins are man-made structures
5 extending above the water level and not connected to the shore. Each dolphin at this site
6 consists of seven creosote piles.

7 **Ecological Condition of Adjacent Parcels**

8 The shoreline to the west is a vertical bulkhead shoreline and paved commercial yard
9 associated with the Boeing plant. However, this degraded shoreline is only 1,200 feet long,
10 and the mouth of the Cedar River is at the other end of this bulkhead. The shoreline to the
11 east consists of additional lengths of the flume, a bulkhead, and a floating dock. Gene
12 Coulon Park is located on the other side of these adjacent features, and offers additional
13 rearing habitat for salmonids.

14 **Fish Use**

15 The project area is most heavily used by Chinook fry that migrate through the site
16 from the Cedar River toward the Ship Canal. The Chinook fry primarily use the
17 portions of shoreline that contain naturally-sloped beach, though this shoreline is
18 degraded from the presence of riprap and lack of native vegetation. High levels of
19 Chinook fry/smolt use have been documented on the site (Tabor et al. 2004a; Tabor
20 et al. 2006). Sockeye fry are known to use the shallow littoral zone in South Lake
21 Washington, especially during the early stages of rearing. Since this site is located
22 adjacent to the mouth of the Cedar River, it is likely that sockeye fry are present in
23 the project area during early rearing. Given the high use by Chinook juveniles in
24 this area, The South Lake WA Shoreline Restoration Project fits the “high” FFM
25 definition of “aquatic sites that serve as migration or rearing areas of considerable
26 importance for one or more species of juvenile salmon”. Therefore, Seward 1 has
27 an FFM score of 0.8.

28 **6.9.3. Rationale for Site Selection**

29 The WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Recovery Plan (King County 2005) prioritized the reduction
30 of predation on juvenile migrants in Lake Washington by providing increased rearing and
31 refuge opportunities. The Recovery Plan prescribes the restoration of shallow water habitats
32 and creek mouths for juvenile rearing and migration. The South Lake Washington DNR
33 Shoreline Restoration Project is listed as project number C266 on the 3-year work plan under
34 the WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan. This project is a Tier 1 priority under the
35 WRIA 8 Plan due to the project’s capacity to provide high-quality shallow water habitat, and
36 location in a migratory and rearing corridor of Chinook salmon. Shorelines that are free of
37 over-water structures, bulkheads, and other shoreline hardening structures are rare in Lake
38 Washington.

1 **6.9.4. Mitigation Site Design**

2 The Washington State DNR has advanced this design to 95% (Appendix E). The objective
3 of restoration at this parcel is to restore approximately 1.74 acres of shoreline/ aquatic habitat
4 and approximately 1.92 acres of upland habitat. This is intended to improve water quality
5 and restore migratory habitat for juvenile Chinook salmon. This project will be funded by
6 WSDOT, but is being permitted separately by DNR. Following the restoration of this
7 property, DNR proposes to withdraw the lands from leasing with a Commissioner’s Order as
8 well as maintain the property under a conservation easement. The following project elements
9 are proposed for this project.

10 **Shoreline Enhancement and Hard Structure Removal**

11 The outer, waterward edge of the flume does not appear to provide structural support to the
12 adjacent uplands and will therefore be removed (Figure 6-10). The inner, landward edge of
13 the flume will be removed where it is not required to maintain the structural integrity of the
14 Boeing parcel. Where the inner flume needs to be retained, the lakebed grade will be
15 restored to the extent possible to match this shoreline elevation. This will include raising the
16 grade of the adjacent lakebed and excavating portions of the uplands to create a gradual
17 shoreline grade. The grade of the lakebed will be raised such that a shallow bench waterward
18 of the shoreline will be created. The remainder of the shoreline will undergo minor regrading
19 and enhancement for juvenile Chinook foraging and rearing habitat. Approximately 600
20 linear feet of riprap will need to be removed.

21 Additional in-water debris will be removed from the entire site to the extent that it will
22 provide ecological benefit to do so. The entire shoreline will undergo placement of
23 appropriately-sized sediment and to provide cover for juvenile salmonids at or near the 16- to
24 18-foot elevation range. Instead of placing logs along the shoreline, coir log will be used
25 fronting the lacustrine wetland fringe to limit erosion of the low lying areas. LWD will not
26 be placed along the shoreline due to the flat topography and the potential for it to not
27 function properly. Three engineered log jams (ELJ) are being installed as part of the project,
28 and will be secured in place.

29 **Riparian Restoration**

30 Approximately 1.92 acres of shoreline and riparian zone will be restored by removing non-
31 native invasive plants and planting native trees and understory vegetation. The upland
32 vegetation palette is largely open with the exception of limited easement adjacent to the
33 Boeing property for wingtip clearance. Large, native plants will be installed where
34 practicable to quickly provide overhanging vegetation fish cover along the shoreline. A
35 portion of the shoreline will be planted with wetland vegetation. The Boeing Corporation
36 has a wing-tip easement that precludes planting trees. This easement area, and an additional
37 buffer area adjacent to the easement, will only be planted with shrubs. Detailed 95% plan
38 sheets are provided in Attachment A.

1 **Dolphin Removal**

2 Three derelict dolphins, consisting of approximately 21 creosote-treated piles, will be
3 removed from the lake. The dolphins are located along the eastern portion of the project area
4 (Figure 6-10).

5 **6.9.5. Ecological Functions and Benefits**

6 Once this shoreline is restored, it will provide functional habitat features such as naturally
7 sloped shoreline, native vegetation, LWD, and appropriately-sized substrate (Table 6-11). All
8 these functions help meet the goals set in the WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan.
9 The plan states that the restoration of Lake Washington is a high priority for regional
10 restoration efforts, and the remaining areas with sandy shallow water habitat, overhanging
11 vegetation, and large woody debris should be protected and maintained. Restoration of sites
12 close to the mouth of the Cedar River will have a significant benefit for fisheries because
13 juvenile Chinook and sockeye salmon are very abundant near the mouth of the Cedar River
14 (Tabor 2006). The mouth of the Cedar River does not have a functioning delta with estuarine
15 marsh or freshwater emergent wetlands that Chinook typically depend on during early
16 rearing (King County 2005). Therefore, Cedar River Chinook fry are dependent on suitable
17 Lake Washington shoreline immediately adjacent to the mouth of the Cedar River during
18 early rearing for feeding opportunities and refugia from predators. Sockeye salmon fry only
19 use the Lake Washington shoreline early in their life history. The proximity of this site to the
20 mouth of the Cedar River (where most sockeye enter the lake as young fry) make it one of
21 the few areas relevant for this life history function. Since this project is a migratory and
22 rearing area of considerable importance for juvenile Chinook and sockeye salmon, this site's
23 mitigation areas have a Fish Function Modifier score of 0.8 for mitigation accounting
24 purposes.

1 **Table 6-11. South Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration (DNR Parcel) Mitigation Benefits**

Mitigation Action	Acreage	Habitat Features Improved	Habitat Functions Improved	Species/ Life Stage Addressed
Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	1.74	Gradual, Sloped Bank; Suitable Sediment; Prey Input	Protection from Predators; Migratory Corridor	Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/ Feeding)
Riparian Restoration	1.92	Vegetative Cover; Prey Input	Protection from Predators; Food Sources	Chinook (Juvenile Migration) Sockeye (Juvenile Rearing/Feeding)
Riparian Restoration- Shrubs ^a	0.59	Vegetative Cover; Prey Input	Protection from Predators; Food Sources	

2 ^a 0.59 acres of the project area are within the Boeing wingtip-easement area and buffer. This area will only be planted with
 3 low-growing shrubs.

Mitigation Action	Acreage
Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	1.74
Riparian Restoration	1.92
Riparian Restoration - Shrubs	0.59



Figure 6-10.
Conceptual Restoration Plan at the South Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration (DNR Parcel) Mitigation Site

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1 **6.10 Cedar River/ Elliott Bridge Site**

2 **6.10.1. Site Location**

3 The Cedar River/Elliott Bridge site is located on the main stem Cedar River. The project
4 area is on the right (north) bank of the Cedar River between the 154th Place SE Bridge and
5 the 149th Avenue SE right-of-way, just east of the City of Renton Ron Regis Park
6 (Figures 6-1, 6-11).

7 **6.10.2. Existing Conditions and Fish Use**

8 The following section summarizes the existing conditions of the site from a habitat
9 standpoint. A detailed baseline characterization is available in the SR 520 Final Aquatic
10 Assessment Report (WSDOT 2011).

11 **Shoreline Conditions**

12 The river channel throughout most of this reach is confined and stabilized by levees and
13 revetments, all of which contribute to a loss of connectivity between the river and its
14 floodplain and to poor riparian conditions (King County 2005). The aquatic habitat has very
15 little complexity, fish cover, or pool habitat for adult holding and juvenile rearing.

16 The downstream end of the project area is at the upstream boundary of the 149th Avenue
17 right-of-way (ROW) where the bridge and approach have been removed and restored to a
18 natural grade on the right bank. Immediately upstream of the 149th Avenue ROW, the right
19 bank is unconfined with no hydromodifications for the first 226 ft (Figure A-12). This area is
20 subject to flooding, although the OHWM (2-year flood) extends only 10–25 ft from the
21 typical Cedar River shoreline during baseflow conditions (WSDOT 2011c). The ground
22 surface elevation gradually increases to the north and moves upstream to the east. A wetland
23 is present along the bank in this unconfined stretch. The next 200 feet upstream has a levee
24 constructed with large, cobble-sized angular rock (Figures A-13, A-14). A floodplain bench
25 has formed along the first 100 ft, with a gradual slope between the river’s edge and the levee
26 face. No large trees are present on the levee, although shrubs and willows were present.

27 A King County mitigation site for the 154th Avenue SE Bridge Project is located on the right
28 bank just northeast of the 154th Avenue SE Bridge. The site is vegetated with a native
29 riparian community and contains an off-channel habitat feature. Immediately downstream
30 from the restoration area, a levee extends about 500 linear feet farther downstream. The
31 levee has large boulder-size riprap below the OHWM that extends approximately 5 feet
32 waterward and 3 to 5 feet below the observed waterline (Figure A-15). The upper portion of
33 the levee consists of cobble-sized riprap. The elevation change from the observed waterline
34 to the top of the levee is approximately 7 feet. Landward of the levee, there is an elevation

1 drop of 2 to 3 feet. There are variable amounts of fill on each residential parcel.
2 Downstream of the levee, the floodplain is at a natural grade and is equal to or around 2 feet
3 higher than the base flow river stage.

4 Because of the constraints on channel migration, the river exhibits a simplified morphology
5 through this reach. The reach could be characterized as having a riffle-pool morphology,
6 though the lack of lateral movement diminishes the development of pronounced channel
7 habitats. Generally, scour pools form along the toe of the revetments and riffles in the softer
8 water margins of the channel. Large wood is notably absent throughout the project reach.

9 The riparian condition is generally poor due to past residential land use. The site is
10 characterized predominantly with scattered native and ornamental trees and shrubs and a
11 substantial amount of lawn that has now gone fallow. Bare ground is present in the
12 footprints of the demolished homes. The downstream portion of the site contains a small
13 amount of native riparian habitat comprised of predominantly deciduous species.

14 **Ecological Condition of Adjacent Parcels**

15 Several residences with associated structures are located adjacent to the project area. King
16 County has acquired some of the properties opposite of the project area on the left bank of
17 the river, as part of a floodplain property acquisition program.

18 On the upstream half of the left bank, the floodplain is unconfined. An upper terrace on the
19 left bank floodplain is likely formed from fill (3 to 5 feet above the active floodplain. A
20 levee with large riprap extends along the left bank of the river, across from the approximate
21 midpoint of the project reach down to the remnant 149th Avenue SE bridge abutment. The
22 river is confined along this stretch, resulting in concentrated flow with the potential to erode
23 unprotected riverbanks. The 149th Street bridge abutment is still present on the left bank,
24 with large boulders in the water around the abutment.

25 The upstream parcels along the left bank belong to King County for several thousand feet
26 upstream. The upstream parcels along the right bank also belong to King County, but only
27 for approximately 1,000 feet. These parcels have mature vegetation with functioning riverine
28 and off-channel habitat. Shoreline restoration has occurred along both upstream banks on the
29 King County property. Downstream parcels on both banks are privately owned and are
30 typical of residential properties in the area that are primarily landscaped with scattered trees
31 and shrubs. Avoiding risk to these properties forms a key constraint to the feasibility of
32 restoration actions undertaken on the site. About 800 feet downstream of the site, a large
33 tract of land owned by the City of Renton (Ron Regis Park) occupies the left bank for about
34 1,500 feet. These parcels also have mature vegetation with functioning riverine and off-
35 channel habitat. The right bank across from Ron Regis Park is a steep forested slope.

1 **Fish Use**

2 This reach provides spawning habitat for all focal species: Chinook, sockeye, coho, and
3 steelhead (WDFW and WWTIT 1994). Sockeye spawning is particularly heavy along the
4 left (south) bank, upstream of the levee. This reach also functions as juvenile and adult
5 migratory habitat for the four species listed above. Although side- and off-channel habitat
6 does not currently exist in the project area because of past development, adjacent side- and
7 off-channel habitat occurs naturally and is likely used by all four species.

8 **6.10.3. Rationale for Site Selection**

9 The WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Recovery Plan (King County 2005) identified this portion of
10 the Cedar River as lacking the habitat diversity needed for increased Chinook salmon
11 productivity. The plan prescribes actions to increase Chinook salmon habitat diversity
12 including protecting and restoring riparian habitat, removing or setting back levees and
13 revetments to restore connections with off-channel habitat, and restoring sources of LWD
14 and installing new LWD to restore pool habitat (King County 2005). The Cedar River/
15 Elliott Bridge project is listed as Project #C213 on the 3-year work plan under the WRIA 8
16 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan. This project is a Tier 1 priority under the plan due to the
17 project's capability to provide floodplain connectivity and riparian functions, and the heavy
18 use of this reach by multiple salmonid species. This project will also increase floodplain
19 capacity in the river, thereby attenuating downstream flooding and erosion problems in Ron
20 Regis Park, directly downstream of the project area. The study of flooding and erosion in this
21 downstream reach is listed as Project # C214 under the 3-year work plan under the WRIA 8
22 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan (King County 2005). The Site is also part of the wetland
23 mitigation plan (WSDOT 2011a), and will be designed to meet both aquatic and wetland
24 mitigation needs. The selection of this site for wetland creation is consistent with the
25 objectives of increasing floodplain capacity, connectivity, and fish habitat in the Cedar River.

26 **6.10.4. Mitigation Site Design**

27 At this site, WSDOT proposes to establish 0.70 acres of new river margin and aquatic off-
28 channel habitat and to restore 3.47 acres of riparian and floodplain habitat along the Cedar
29 River. Along the right bank, the levee will be lowered to the approximate 2-year flood
30 elevation to restore connectivity to the floodplain. The riprap toe of the revetment will need
31 to remain, however, because the site does not provide enough acreage to allow for active
32 channel migration without significant risk to downstream properties. A setback levee will
33 also be constructed along the north and east boundaries of the site (Jones Road SE and 149th
34 Avenue SE, respectively). Should downstream properties be acquired, future phases of
35 restoration at this site could undertake complete removal of the setback levee and all bank
36 hardening to allow channel migration.

1 Approximately 3.47 acres of floodplain behind the levee will undergo significant excavation,
2 reducing the overall elevation by 3 to 5 feet (Appendix B). Excavation to this elevation will
3 make wetland and off-channel habitat creation feasible. A backwater side channel will be
4 excavated into the floodplain, along the toe of the Jones Road and 149th Avenue SE road
5 prisms, with the confluence near the old 149th Avenue SE bridge abutment. A shelf at the
6 excavated floodplain elevation will be retained between road prism and off-channel feature.
7 This shelf will be vegetated and will provide cover and riparian function along the off-
8 channel aquatic habitat. The dimensions and configuration of the backwater channel mimic
9 those of an abandoned former river channel of the Cedar River. This floodplain feature can
10 be expected to evolve over time in the same way as a backwater slough formed by channel
11 avulsion and abandonment.

12 The area between the primary channel and the backwater channel will function as a wetland
13 and riparian mosaic. The backwater channel will emulate a valley wall channel because the
14 Jones Road prism is at the toe of a steep slope (East Renton Highlands). It is anticipated that
15 groundwater flow off the hillside and hyporheic flow from the river will provide sufficient
16 year-round hydrology to the backwater channel. Piezometers will be installed prior to final
17 design to determine hydrology and establish relative channel elevations. The channel and
18 new river margin will result in 0.70 acres of new aquatic habitat.

19 LWD features will be installed along the right bank of the channel to provide fish cover and
20 substrate for algae and macroinvertebrates. A large woody debris jam is proposed at the right
21 bank mouth of the channel to provide cover and promote a scour pool suitable for adult
22 holding.

23 From the approximate mid-point of the project reach downstream to the outlet of the
24 backwater channel, the levee will be lowered to achieve an enlargement of the active
25 channel. The formation of a gravel bar is anticipated in this location because the thalweg
26 occurs along the left bank revetment. This would result in approximately 0.3 acre of
27 additional main stem channel habitat below OHW and an increase in spawning habitat.

28 The design of this site has the following constraints:

- 29 • Riparian restoration is limited to the acquired parcels.
- 30 • The Cedar River cannot be allowed to move across the channel migration zone when
31 the floodplain is restored, because of the limited area acquired to date and the
32 potential detriment to adjacent private properties.

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1 **Engineering Objectives**

- 2 • Provide a self-sustaining backwater channel with appropriate baseflow, depth, and
3 other habitat features to provide quality habitat function for salmonids throughout the
4 year.
- 5 • Reduce, to the maximum extent feasible, the elevation of the existing training levee to
6 allow overbank flood flows, but avoid channel migration.
- 7 • Remove floodplain fill upstream of backwater channel to enlarge the active channel
8 of the Cedar River.
- 9 • Reduce the floodplain grade throughout portions of the site to allow formation of
10 wetland conditions.
- 11 • Provide stable LWD features.
- 12 • Do not adversely impact adjacent property owners; maintain the 149th Avenue SE
13 road prism and right-of-way.
- 14 • Do not adversely impact existing habitat within the main stem of the Cedar River.
- 15 • Be forward-compatible with future phases of floodplain and/or channel migration
16 restoration in this reach.

17 **Habitat Objectives**

- 18 • Provide off-channel rearing and high-flow refuge salmonid habitat for the target
19 species and life stages.
- 20 • Provide habitat elements, cover types, and substrate appropriate to the target species,
21 life stages, and side channel hydraulics imposed by site conditions.
- 22 • Provide ingress and egress for juvenile and adult salmonids for all flow conditions.
- 23 • Provide spawning habitat in the main stem of the Cedar River.
- 24 • Preserve existing natural vegetation to the extent practical; trees or other vegetation
25 removed during construction will be incorporated in the backwater channel design.
- 26 • Enhance riparian vegetation to provide cover and allochthonous inputs.

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- 1 • Minimize construction impacts to existing habitat.

2 **Project Design Criteria**

3 Design criteria describe the successful outcome that would result if the objectives are met.
4 Criteria have been compiled for both engineering and habitat components. Engineering
5 design criteria may change, based on hydrologic and hydrolic modeling results, and the
6 associated advancement in restoration design.

7 **Engineering Design Criteria**

- 8 • Backwater channel geometry: River margin and off-channel area = approximately 0.7
9 acre; Bankfull Depth = approximately 3feet. Create a channel profile to maintain
10 positive drainage to the Cedar River – $\leq 1\%$ slope.
- 11 • Size bed material to provide a suitable substrate for spawning. Size channel side-
12 slope material to maintain stability.
- 13 • Lower the average elevation of floodplain wetland complex to an elevation of 96 feet.
- 14 • Provide an engineered log jam to withstand 100-year flow conditions. Provide a
15 LWD roughened toe of the backwater channel. Wood should be exposed to the
16 normal range of flows.

17 **Habitat Design Criteria**

- 18 • Provide a total of 0.70 acres of new channel margin and off-channel habitat.
- 19 • Incorporate LWD and channel dimensions to create preferred habitat elements
20 through the backwater channel and main stem bar restoration.
- 21 • Include a vegetation plan to provide adequate shade and overhanging cover along the
22 backwater channel. Provide 3.47 acres of riparian vegetation throughout the
23 floodplain/wetland complex that promotes LWD recruitment to the Cedar River.
- 24 • Avoid the potential for fish stranding in the backwater channel.

25 **6.10.5. Ecological Functions and Benefits**

26 The Cedar River will be reconnected to its historic floodplain on the right bank through levee
27 setbacks and excavation of historic fill. Reconnection of the floodplain will attenuate flood
28 intensity downstream, thereby reducing channel incision and erosion in the main stem (Table
29 6-7). Increased connectivity to the floodplain will also increase maintenance of freshwater
30 emergent wetlands, will import materials (LWD, etc.) into the main stem, and will function

1 as fish habitat during high flows. Riparian restoration in the floodplain will provide fish
2 cover, increase prey resources for fish, filter pollutants from nearby roads and development,
3 provide bank stability, and contribute LWD to the river (Table 6-12). LWD recruitment is
4 currently rated as poor along almost all of the Lower Cedar River, and land use practices
5 generally preclude active recruitment. Also, large amounts of LWD are removed upstream at
6 Landsburg Dam due to liability concerns (King County 2005).

7 The creation of off-channel rearing habitat will benefit all salmonid species. In the Cedar
8 River, this habitat was historically used by juvenile Chinook for rearing, which in turn likely
9 resulted in a larger and later timing of outmigration from the Cedar River. The loss of habitat
10 has forced juvenile Chinook to migrate into Lake Washington as very young fry, a life
11 history trajectory that may have reduced their survival (King County 2005). Coho rely on
12 off-channel habitat for rearing and overwintering (Bustard and Narver 1975; Brown and
13 Hartman 1988; Swales and Levings 1989). Therefore, the off-channel rearing habitat will
14 also function as high-flow refugia.

15 The channel is positioned close to the valley wall to intercept groundwater flow coming off
16 the hillside. Groundwater discharge wetlands are common along the valley slopes in this
17 vicinity, suggesting that hydrology is persistent and sufficient to support subsurface
18 groundwater flow into the off-channel area.

19 The installation of LWD along the right bank of the backwater channel will provide complex
20 cover for juvenile salmonids and an organic substrate for prey items.

21 The proposed engineered logjam will be designed to provide scour pools suitable for use by
22 adults of multiple salmonid species during upstream migration and for pre-spawn holding.
23 This reach has very few pools and areas of fish cover. Juvenile coho often rear in pools
24 associated with LWD and fish cover. Chinook salmon, in particular, will benefit from
25 increased pools in the reach because they hold in pools prior to spawning, then spawn in
26 riffle habitat adjacent to pools. The enlarged portion of the primary river channel upstream
27 of the backwater should provide suitable spawning habitat in close proximity to the holding
28 pool.

29 Lastly, the wetland/riparian mosaic of the restored floodplain will provide multiple indirect
30 benefits to Cedar River salmonids. The capacity for overbank flow will alleviate stream
31 velocities and erosive forces on the adjacent channel for anything larger than the 2-year flood
32 event. The increased roughness of the floodplain will attenuate flows across it, allowing fine
33 sediments to drop out of suspension. Connectivity to the floodplain will also restore energy
34 transfer between the channel and riparian, allowing inputs of allochthonous materials to
35 support the food web and large woody debris recruitment. It should be noted that the
36 floodplain wetland mosaic is anticipated to be dynamic, with quantities of wetland area

1 changing periodically in response to sediment deposition and scour. WSDOT will ensure
 2 that the site is protected long term through an appropriate legal protection mechanism.

3 **Table 6-12. Cedar River/Elliott Bridge Mitigation Benefits**

Mitigation Action	Acreage	Habitat Features Improved	Habitat Functions Improved	Species/Life Stage Addressed
River Margin and Aquatic Off-channel Creation	0.70	Vegetative cover Pools Off-channel	Protection from predators Food sources High-flow refugia	Sockeye (Spawning) Sockeye (Rearing/Feeding) Chinook (Spawning) Chinook Rearing/Feeding)
Riparian + Floodplain Restoration	3.47	Vegetative cover Prey input LWD recruitment Bank stability	Protection from predators Food sources Water quality	Coho (Spawning) Coho (Rearing/Feeding) Steelhead (Spawning) Steelhead (Rearing/Feeding)

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Mitigation Action	Acreage
River Margin and Aquatic Off-channel Creation	0.70
Riparian + Floodplain Restoration	3.47

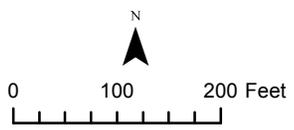
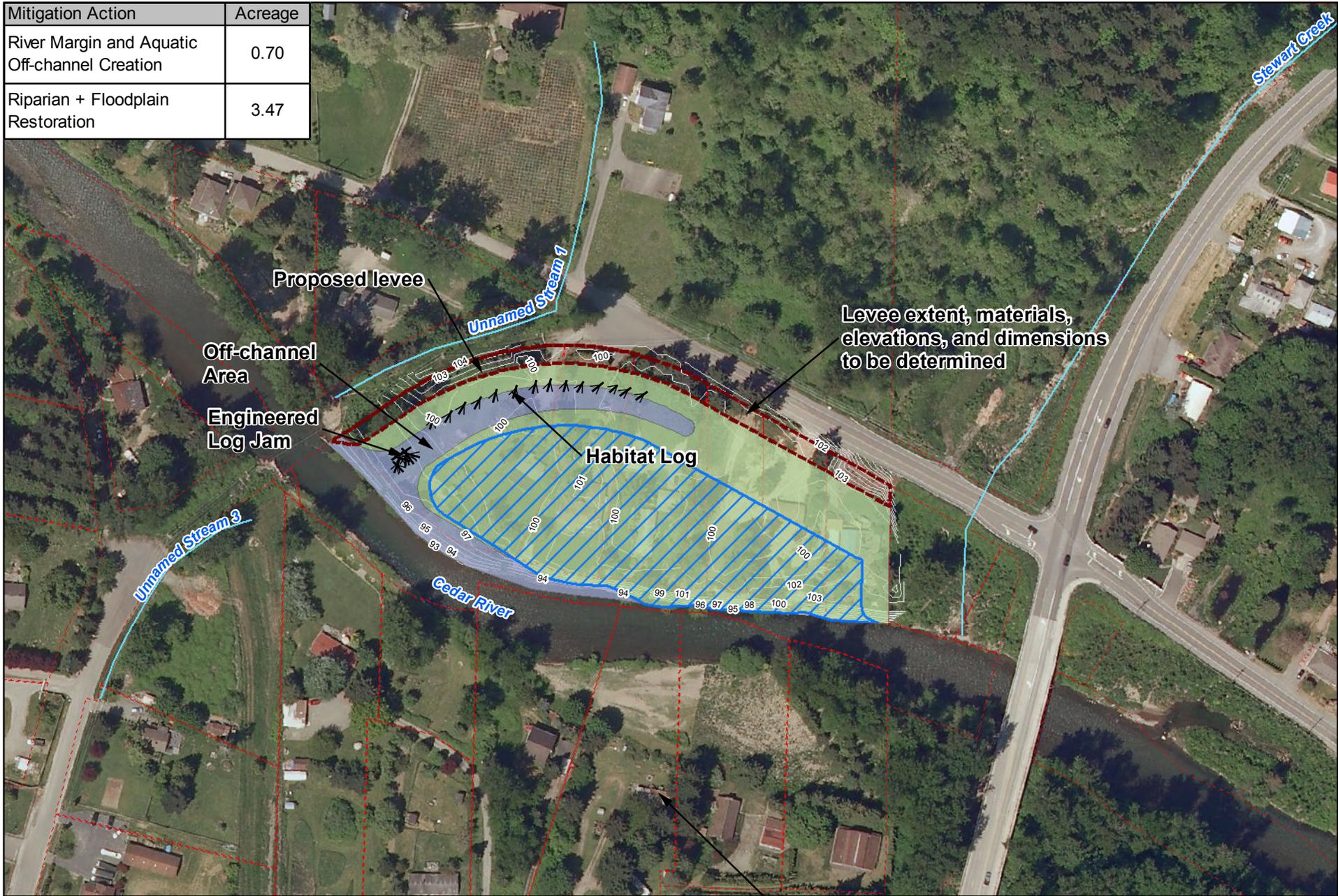


Figure 6-11.
**Coceptual Restoration Plan at the
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1 **6.11 Bear Creek Site**

2 **6.11.1. Site Location**

3 The project site is within the city of Redmond, in King County, adjacent to the Redmond
4 Town Center. The site is located east of the Sammamish River, south of the Redmond Town
5 Center, and north of SR 520 (Figures 6-1, 6-12).

6 **6.11.2. Mitigation Site Existing Conditions and Fish Use**

7 **Shoreline Conditions**

8 The project site is primarily an open space area managed by the City of Redmond and
9 Redmond Town Center. A 10-foot-wide asphalt trail connects to the Sammamish River trail
10 in the project area. Although the trail is near the creek, it provides limited viewing of the
11 creek. The trail accommodates pedestrian and bicycle use.

12 Structures on the property include the trail and stormwater treatment facilities for Bear Creek
13 Parkway. Existing environmental conditions are degraded. The Bear Creek stream channel is
14 an artificial, straight, riprap-lined channel created to convey flood flows (Figure A-15). From
15 the mouth up to 2,600 feet upstream, Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*) and black cottonwood
16 (*Populus trichocarpa*) grow adjacent to the stream banks in a narrow (one tree-width)
17 riparian corridor. The stream buffer on either side of this narrow riparian zone is primarily
18 vegetated with reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), thistle (*Cirsium* sp.), and
19 blackberries (Figure A-16). From 2,600 to 3,000 feet upstream, a riverine wetland exists with
20 a buffer of black cottonwood and Oregon ash.

21 **Ecological Condition of Adjacent Parcels**

22 The project area is bounded by developed parcels. Redmond Town Center is to the north,
23 consisting of commercial properties. SR 520 lies to the south, and Marymoor Park is on the
24 south side of SR 520. The park consists of ball fields, roads, parking lots, and some small
25 buildings. Upstream, and to the east, Bear Creek has been restored to a relatively higher
26 degree of function. Downstream, in the Sammamish River Shoreline, the City of Redmond
27 has been restoring floodplain benches and riparian function. The currently proposed
28 restoration project would connect these restoration efforts.

29 **Fish Use**

30 Although stream and buffer habitat is degraded in the area planned for mitigation, Bear
31 Creek is a major producer of salmon in WRIA 8. Chinook, coho, and sockeye all spawn in
32 Bear Creek upstream of the mitigation area. In the mitigation area, Bear Creek is used by
33 salmonids as a migration and rearing corridor, but not for spawning. Given the high use of
34 the project area for rearing by Chinook, and by coho juveniles, Bear Creek fits the “high”
35 FFM definition of “aquatic sites that serve as migration or rearing areas of considerable

1 importance for one or more species of juvenile salmon”. Therefore, Bear Creek has an FFM
2 score of 0.8.

3 **6.11.3. Rationale for Site Selection**

4 The WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Recovery Plan (King County 2005) identified this portion of
5 Bear Creek as lacking the habitat diversity needed for increased Chinook salmon
6 productivity. Actions prescribed by the Recovery Plan to increase habitat diversity include
7 the restoration of meanders, in-stream complexity, off-channel habitat, and riparian
8 vegetation in the lower 3,000 feet of Bear Creek. Because of its role in upstream staging and
9 downstream migration and rearing, and as a refuge for salmonids escaping the warmer waters
10 of the Sammamish River, the Lower Bear Creek sub-basin has been recognized as a Locally
11 Significant Resource Area by King County. The Lower Bear Creek project is listed as
12 Project #N201 on the 3-year work plan under the WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation
13 Plan, and is a Tier 1 priority under the plan. This project was funded by WSDOT, but was
14 permitted separately by the City of Redmond.

15 **6.11.4. Mitigation Site Design**

16 The Bear Creek project has advanced to 90% design (Appendix F). Restoration will include
17 increased meandering, LWD, bank stabilization, stream gravel, and native riparian plantings
18 (Figure 6-12). Created wetlands will be hydraulically connected to the stream to provide
19 high-flow refuge habitat and floodplain functions. Adjacent uplands will also be excavated to
20 create more floodplain storage and habitat associated with the new channel. New
21 riparian/floodplain plantings will enhance in-stream and riparian functions such as cover,
22 shading, LWD recruitment, bank stabilization, terrestrial insect food production, and leaf-
23 litter organic debris in support of in-stream food sources. By making the stream channel
24 more sinuous, the channel’s length will be increased by 340 feet. The existing stream channel
25 will be connected to the new channel in places to provide off-channel habitat. The remainder
26 of the existing stream channel will be filled in with excavated gravels from the new channel.
27 The new channel will include 1,300 linear feet of pool habitat with two different types of
28 LWD bank stabilization methods. The outside of stream meanders will have a Type 3
29 configuration that will provide extra bank protection. A total of 3,000 pieces of LWD will be
30 added to the stream channel within the bankfull width.

31 Three riparian planting zones will be located along elevational gradients across the site
32 relative to flood stages of Bear Creek. The three riparian planting zones are listed in
33 descending order of expected inundation:

- 34 1. Floodway Zone (1.71 acres): Tree layer consists of black cottonwood (12%) and Oregon
35 ash (13%); shrub layer consists of Pacific ninebark (*Physocarpus capitatus*, 15%), Pacific
36 willow (*Salix lucida*, 15%), red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea* 15%), salmonberry
37 (*Rubus spectabilis*, 15%), and Sitka willow (*Salix sitchensis*, 15%).

- 1 2. Transition Slope Zone (4.35): Tree layer consists of black cottonwood (9%), Sitka spruce
2 (*Picea sitchensis*, 8%), and western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*, 8%); shrub layer consists of
3 black twinberry (*Lonicera involucrate*, 15%), Indian plum (*Oemleria cerasiformis*, 15%),
4 peafruit rose (*Rosa pisocarpa*, 15%), salmonberry (15%), and Sitka willow (15%).
- 5 3. Upland Buffer Zone (5.22 acres): Tree layer consists of big leaf maple (*Acer*
6 *macrophyllum*, 8%), Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*, 9%), and western hemlock
7 (*Tsuga heterophylla*, 8%); shrub layer consists of bitter cherry (*Prunus emarginata*, 9%),
8 cascara (*Rhamnus purshiana*, 9%), nootka rose (*Rosa nutkana*, 10%), oceanspray
9 (*Holodiscus discolor*, 9%), red elderberry (*Sambucus racemosa*, 10%), tall Oregon grape
10 (*Berberis aquifolium*, 10%), and vine maple (*Acer circinatum*, 9%).

11 Trees will be planted at an approximate spacing of 10 to 15 feet on center and shrubs at an
12 approximate spacing of 5 feet on center, in randomly mixed groupings. In areas where the
13 current vegetation will be retained, plant spacing will depend on the densities of the existing
14 desirable native vegetation. Plants will be installed during specified planting windows.
15 Native plants will be obtained from approved nurseries. A temporary irrigation system will
16 be installed, if necessary, for watering during the plant establishment period. Emergent
17 vegetation will not be planted for this project because of limiting factors such as depredation
18 by waterfowl (e.g., Canadian geese) and reed canarygrass infestation. The intended
19 vegetation types after restoration will be forested wetland and riparian plant communities,
20 facultative or wetter, to withstand inundation. Scrub-shrub wetland plant communities may
21 be included in final design. This will also lead to quicker establishment of woody vegetation
22 close to the channel for habitat benefits, including in-stream cover and shading.

23 This site has the following design constraints:

- 24 • Riparian and floodplain restoration is constrained by the SR 520 on the left bank, and
25 the Bear Creek Parkway on the right bank.
- 26 • Cultural and archeological resources have been found on the site, and will constrain
27 the grading plan for the final design.

28 **6.11.5. Ecological Functions and Benefits**

29 The project will create significant habitat improvements to establish a compositionally and
30 structurally complex ecosystem with attributes important for supporting fish and wildlife
31 with an emphasis on anadromous fish such as Chinook, coho, and sockeye salmon (Table
32 6-13). As the riparian/floodplain vegetation matures, it will increase the continuous patch
33 riparian corridor and contribute to channel and bank stabilization, riparian corridor habitat
34 diversity, and cover and refuge for both juvenile and adult fish and wildlife.

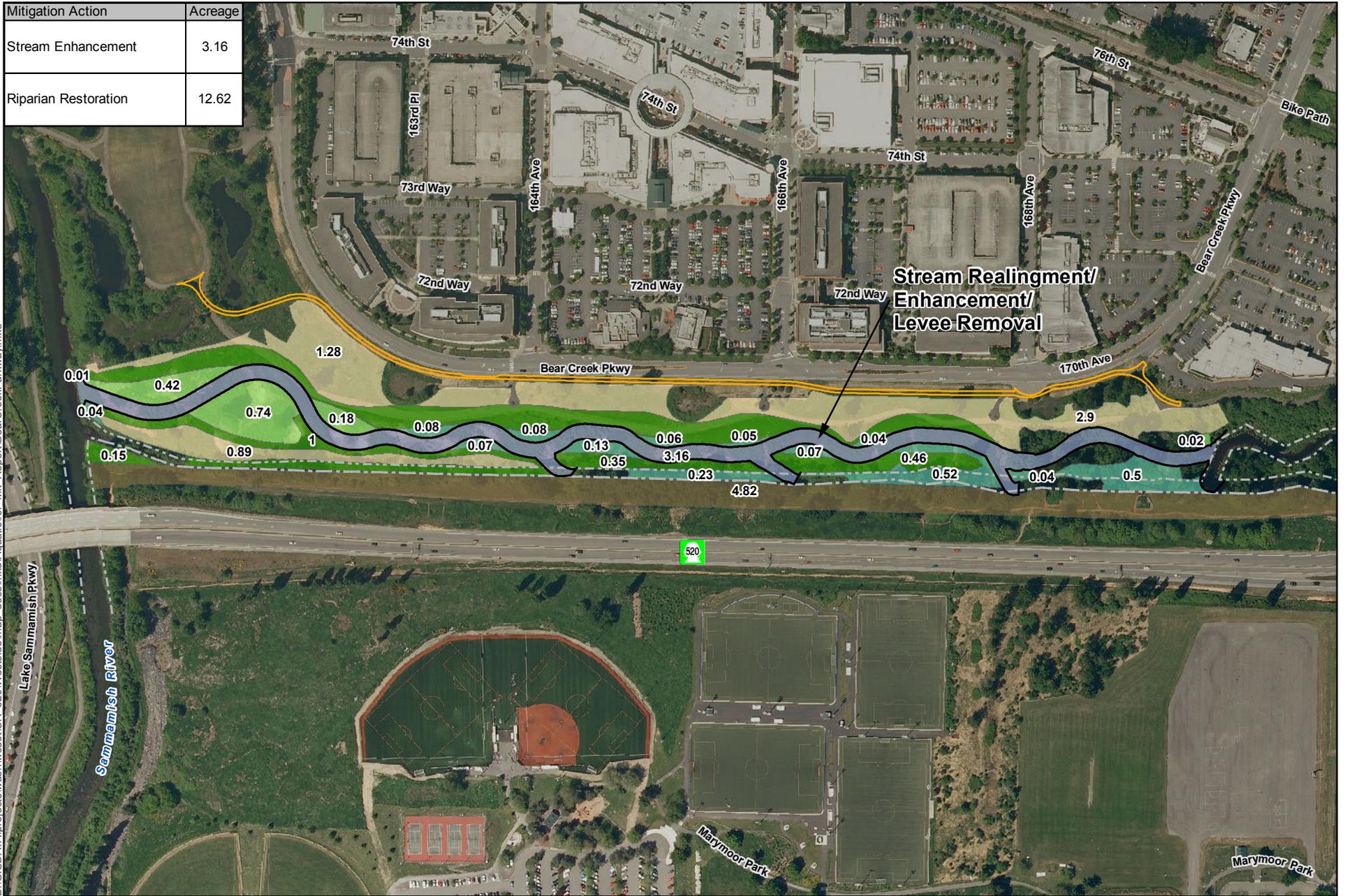
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1 **Table 6-13. Bear Creek Mitigation Benefits**

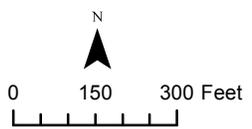
Mitigation Action	Acreage	Habitat Features Improved	Habitat Functions Improved	Species/Life Stage Addressed
Stream Enhancement	3.16	Off-Channel Pools LWD Fish Cover	Protection from Predators Food Sources	Sockeye (Rearing/Feeding)
Riparian Restoration	12.62	Fish Cover, LWD recruitment	Water Quality Protection from Predators Food Sources	Chinook (Rearing/Feeding) Coho (Rearing/Feeding)

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Mitigation Action	Acreage
Stream Enhancement	3.16
Riparian Restoration	12.62



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- Forested Wetland
- Riparian - Upland Buffer
- Parcel
- Proposed Trail
- Riparian - Floodway
- Stream Buffer - Planting by Others
- Proposed OHW
- Riparian - Transition Slope
- Proposed Stream Channel
- Existing OHW

Figure 6-12.
Conceptual Restoration Plan at the
Bear Creek Mitigation Site

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1 **6.12 East Approach**

2 **6.12.1. Site Location**

3 Shoreline and nearshore enhancement is proposed near the existing and proposed SR 520
4 east approach (Figure 6-1 and Figure 6-13).

5 **6.12.2. Mitigation Site Existing Conditions and Fish Use**

6 The following section summarizes the existing conditions of the site from a habitat
7 standpoint. A detailed baseline characterization of shoreline conditions is available in the SR
8 520 Final Aquatic Assessment Report (WSDOT 2011c).

9 **Shoreline Conditions**

10 Portions of the shoreline in the project area are highly modified with bulkheads, docks, and
11 landscaped riparian zones (WSDOT 2009c). Natural, undisturbed shoreline in the project
12 area is limited to a stretch directly below the Evergreen Point Bridge. In addition, boat traffic
13 here is concentrated relatively close to the shoreline, leading to considerable wave action. As
14 a result, vegetation densities tend to be relatively low close to shore, and substrate material
15 relatively large. In general, the lake bottom substrate is cobble and gravel near the shoreline
16 and transitions to sand and finer material moving away from the shoreline.

17 The shoreline consists of a failing wood bulkhead, some large boulder-sized riprap, and two
18 piers (Figure A-17). Both docks are fixed piers with treated wood piles, substructure, and
19 decking. Both docks have solid decking with no functional grating. A deciduous tree
20 recently fell into the lake, over the wood bulkhead, and is providing cover (Figure A-17).
21 The East Approach shoreline has a 12 to 13% slope. Substrate is predominantly gravel near
22 the shoreline. The riparian zone at the East Approach has mature deciduous and coniferous
23 trees throughout the area, except for some bare ground near the shoreline. The understory is
24 dominated by invasive plants.

25 The two piers will be removed and replaced with one pier that will be used for WSDOT
26 maintenance activities (see Section 4.3.1). The non-native species Eurasian watermilfoil
27 (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) and native species of pondweed (*Potamogeton* sp.) and American
28 wild celery (*Vallisneria americana*) are the most abundant aquatic plants (WSDOT 2009c).
29 Lake bottom substrate in the project area is dominated by cobble and sand. In general,
30 substrate near the shore consists of cobble and transitions through gravel to sand and silt
31 moving offshore (Figure A-18); patches of bare clay are also present (WSDOT 2009c).

1 **Ecological Condition of Adjacent Parcels**

2 Much of the shoreline is modified with bulkheads and boat docks, although the shoreline
3 immediately under the existing bridge is relatively unmodified, with a natural slope. Parcels
4 in the project vicinity consist of the SR 520 approach, bridge, and residential properties with
5 piers, ramps, and floats.

6 **Fish Use**

7 The site has been identified in the past as a sockeye spawning area based on historical
8 WDFW map records (Buchanan 2004). Estimated annual escapement of Lake Washington
9 beach-spawning sockeye varied from 54 to 1,032 fish from 1976 through 1991 (WDFW
10 2004). These sockeye spawn wherever suitable gravel beaches and groundwater upwelling
11 occur around the lake, particularly along the north shore of Mercer Island and the east shore
12 of Lake Washington. These spawning areas occur over a wide range of water depths. The
13 estimated total beach spawning population ranged between 200 and 1,500 fish between 1986
14 and 2003 (WDFW 2004). This sockeye spawning area is one of more than 85 shoreline
15 spawning areas identified in Lake Washington on maps provided by WDFW (Buchanan
16 2004). Therefore, this project area meets the 0.8 FFM criterion of being an “aquatic site that
17 is known to support documented spawning of at least one salmonid species”, and is assigned
18 an FFM of 0.8.

19 **6.12.3. Rationale for Site Selection**

20 This site was selected for sockeye spawning enhancement because of documented sockeye
21 spawning and known groundwater upwelling. The colluviums/weathered till geologic strata
22 probably result in a patchy distribution of upwelling areas from the underlying pressurized
23 aquifer. In much of this area, the existing sediments do not currently appear suitable for
24 sockeye spawning (WSDOT 2009c). Therefore, gravel supplementation is expected to
25 maximize spawning habitat suitability where groundwater upwelling does occur.

26 Shoreline restoration is proposed because of the paucity of natural shoreline in this area of
27 the lake and because of likely Chinook and sockeye use during early rearing. Chinook
28 juveniles migrating along from the shoreline from the south lake and local beach spawning
29 sockeye are the most likely to benefit from a natural shoreline feature.

30 **6.12.4. Mitigation Site Design**

31 Mitigation actions at this site will include sockeye gravel supplementation, bulkhead
32 removal, nearshore substrate enhancement, and riparian restoration (Figure 6-13).

33 In general, sockeye spawn in areas of clean gravel substrate and groundwater upwelling.
34 Sockeye dig redds in gravel and small cobbles between 13 and 102 mm (Reiser and Bjornn
35 1979). Olsen (1968) indicated that sockeye may use either sand or gravel, depending upon
36 which is available. If small amounts of silt, detritus, or fine sand are mixed with the coarser

1 gravel, they are removed by the fish in the process of excavating the redd (Foerster 1968).
2 Mathisen (1955) observed sockeye salmon egg concentrations 6 to 9 inches below the gravel
3 surface. The site has some areas of clean cobble and gravel that have the potential to support
4 sockeye spawning (WSDOT 2009c). However, most of the nearshore substrate consists of
5 cobble material and the offshore areas are dominated by sandy substrate. The site is
6 generally less than 50 feet deep. This depth stratum is associated with the Colluvium/
7 Recessional geologic stratum (WSDOT 2011b). A confined and pressurized aquifer
8 underneath the Colluvium/ Recessional stratum provides localized groundwater upwelling
9 into the project area.

10 Approximately 1,210 cubic yards of clean and appropriately-sized gravel will be offloaded
11 and spread to a depth of 1 foot. Although the substrate size and distribution will be
12 determined from subsequent analysis of sediment transport from wind-generated waves and
13 currents, the substrate will be installed within the suitable range for beach spawning sockeye,
14 to the greatest extent practicable. Based on previous substrate enhancement projects, the
15 substrate distribution will likely be similar to what is shown in Table 6-2.

16 The wood bulkhead and adjacent boulder-sized riprap will be removed. The shoreline behind
17 the bulkhead will be re-graded to a gradually sloped shoreline and supplemented with
18 approximately 130 yards of clean and appropriately-sized gravel. Grading plans will be
19 developed that are consistent with cross-sections A and B (Figure 6-13, Appendix B). The
20 grass upland immediately landward of the bulkhead will be revegetated. Revegetation will
21 include a live stakes community near high lake level elevation and transition to a riparian
22 upland community. Proposed planting zones, species lists, and densities for revegetation are
23 included in Appendix C. Specific planting plans for site-specific conditions and constraints
24 will be developed during the design phase. The implementation schedule is detailed in
25 Section 6.13.

26 The following additional actions will be completed, per the associated SR 520, Medina to SR
27 202: Eastside Transit and HOV Project:

- 28 • All existing large rock (greater than 100 pounds) located underneath the existing
29 eastside SR 520 Bridge on the shoreline and in the water will be removed. Area
30 specified on sheet 3 of 47 plans entitled “Purpose: Reduce travel times and enhance
31 reliability, mobility, access and safety for transit and HOV vehicles”, dated April 30,
32 2010.
- 33 • Fifty cubic yards of clean (washed), well-rounded gravel, 2-inch minus in gradation
34 spawning gravel shall be placed extending from the bulkhead waterward 15 feet to fill
35 in the created holes.

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1 These actions may be completed concurrently with the larger bulkhead removal, re-grading,
2 and gravel installation project.

3 This site has the following design constraints:

- 4 • Riparian restoration cannot occur in the footprint of the proposed maintenance facility
5 or paths.
- 6 • Shoreline restoration must be compatible with the proposed maintenance dock.
- 7 • Spawning gravel supplementation cannot occur within the footprint of the
8 maintenance dock, or where the maintenance boat ties up to the dock.

9 The site design objectives and criteria are summarized below.

10 **Engineering Objectives**

- 11 • Provide a low-gradient shoreline between low and high lake levels.
- 12 • Provide gravel (round rock) and sand substrate along the shoreline that is
13 appropriately sized to avoid erosion.

14 **Habitat Objectives**

- 15 • Provides gravel substrate along the shoreline that is suitable for sockeye beach
16 spawning.
- 17 • Provides shallow, low-gradient rearing and migratory habitat during juvenile Chinook
18 and early juvenile sockeye rearing periods.
- 19 • Provides overhanging vegetation along the shoreline for juvenile salmonid refugia
20 and forage base.
- 21 • Provides gravel and sand substrate along the shoreline that minimizes predator
22 habitat.
- 23 • Provides indirect riparian functions, including shading, pollutant filtration, and LWD
24 recruitment to the shoreline.
- 25 • Minimizes construction impacts to existing habitat.

26 Design criteria describe the successful outcome that would result if the objectives are met.
27 Criteria have been compiled for both engineering and habitat components.

1 **Engineering Design Criteria**

- 2 • Bulkhead will be removed below the sediment line.
- 3 • The slope of the enhanced shoreline habitat will be at or below 15% grade, as
- 4 measured from low lake level to high lake level.
- 5 • Substrate installed along the shoreline according to an analysis of sediment transport
- 6 from wind-generated waves and currents.

7 **Habitat Design Criteria**

- 8 • Create 0.75 acre of suitable beach spawning habitat for sockeye. Gravel substrate
- 9 will be installed with the size distribution most suitable for sockeye beach spawning.
- 10 • Provide 0.08 acre of shallow rearing habitat for juvenile Chinook.
- 11 • Gravel substrate in the shallow littoral zone will be installed with the smallest size
- 12 distribution possible in order to maximize habitat function for rearing juvenile
- 13 Chinook.
- 14 • Provide 0.05 acre of enhanced riparian habitat adjacent to the shoreline.
- 15 • Include a vegetation plan to provide adequate shade and overhanging cover along the
- 16 shoreline.
- 17 • The spatial and temporal extent of in-water work will be minimized.
- 18 • In-water work will occur during designated in-water work windows.
- 19 • Impacts to native vegetation will be minimized.
- 20 • Erosion will be minimized.

21 **6.12.5. Ecological Functions and Benefits**

22 This mitigation action will primarily benefit sockeye salmon spawning habitat (Table 6-14).

23 Shoreline areas with upwelling and suitable sockeye spawning substrate are an important

24 habitat feature in Lake Washington.

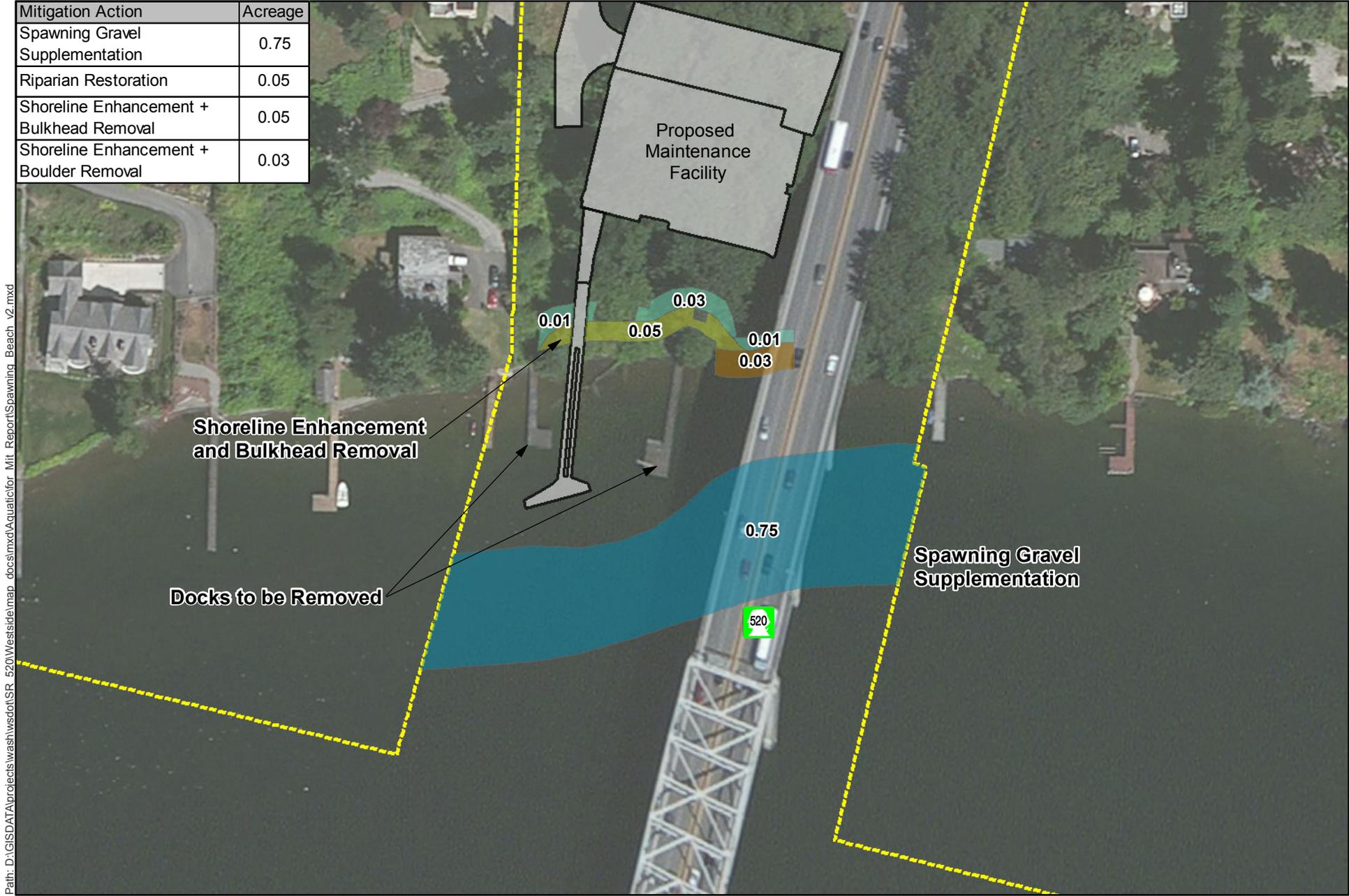
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1 **Table 6-14. East Approach Mitigation Benefits**

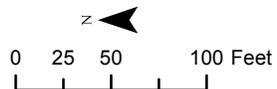
Mitigation Action	Acreage	Habitat Features Improved	Habitat Functions Improved	Species/Life Stage Addressed
Spawning Gravel Supplementation	0.75	Suitable sediment	Suitable spawning habitat	Sockeye (Spawning)
Riparian Enhancement	0.08	Vegetative cover Prey input	Protection from predators Food sources	Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/Feeding)
Shoreline Enhancement + Bulkhead Removal	0.05	Gradual, sloped bank Suitable sediment Prey input	Protection from predators Migratory corridor	Chinook (Juvenile Migration) Sockeye (Juvenile Rearing/Feeding)

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Mitigation Action	Acreage
Spawning Gravel Supplementation	0.75
Riparian Restoration	0.05
Shoreline Enhancement + Bulkhead Removal	0.05
Shoreline Enhancement + Boulder Removal	0.03



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- Spawning Gravel Supplementation
- Riparian Restoration
- Shoreline Enhancement and Bulkhead Removal
- Shoreline Enhancement and Boulder Removal
- Proposed Maintenance Facility
- Parcel
- Proposed Right-of-Way

Figure 6-13.
Conceptual Restoration Plan at the East Approach Mitigation Site

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1 **6.13 Implementation**

2 All the proposed mitigation sites are on publicly-owned land, and WSDOT has engaged in
3 several partnerships with the landowning entities, some of whom have initiated restoration
4 design concepts for the sites independent of this process. Table 6-15 summarizes the roles
5 and responsibilities shared between WSDOT and its partner agencies on the mitigation sites.

6 The following technical studies may be implemented for each project, as appropriate, prior to
7 and as part of the design process:

- 8 • Shallow groundwater monitoring
- 9 • Identification of historic elevations, fill elevations, etc.
- 10 • Hydrologic and hydraulic modeling
- 11 • Topographic survey
- 12 • Geotechnical survey
- 13 • Hazardous materials site assessment (Phase I)
- 14 • Cultural and archeological investigation

15 A more comprehensive implementation schedule will be developed as each project design
16 advances. The SR 520 Final EIS (WSDOT 2011f) describes the overall construction
17 sequence for the project (see also Figure 2-5). The anticipated schedule for project elements
18 and mitigation site construction is provided in Table 6-15 and 6-16. Concurrent mitigation
19 will be provided that will equal or will be in excess of impacts. It is anticipated that the first
20 compensatory mitigation sites to be constructed will be the 1) East Approach, 2) So Lake
21 Washington Shoreline Restoration, 3) Bear Creek, and 4) Cedar River/ Elliott Reach. If
22 impacts identified in this plan are not realized due to future design refinements, then the total
23 area of aquatic mitigation constructed may be reduced.

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1 **Table 6-15. Compensatory Mitigation Project Implementation Schedule^a**

Project Element	Mitigation Sites													
	Magnuson Park		Seward Park		Taylor Creek		S. Lake WA - DNR		Elliott Bridge Reach		Bear Creek		East Approach	
	Implementing Agency	Schedule	Implementing Agency	Schedule	Implementing Agency	Schedule	Implementing Agency	Schedule						
Pre-Design	WSDOT	2011-2012	WSDOT	2010-2011	WSDOT/SPU	2010-2011	DNR	2010-2011	WSDOT ^d	2011	City of Redmond	2010	WSDOT	2011
Technical Studies	Seattle Parks	2013-2014	WSDOT	2013-2014	SPU	2011	DNR	2010-2011	WSDOT ^d	2011-2012	City of Redmond	2010-2011	WSDOT	2011-2012
Design and Permitting	Seattle Parks	2014-2015	WSDOT	2014-2015	SPU	2012-2013	DNR	2011	WSDOT ^d	2011-2012	City of Redmond	2011-2012	WSDOT	2011-2012
Construction	Seattle Parks	2016-2017	WSDOT	2016-2017	SPU	2014-2015	DNR	2012-2013	WSDOT ^d	2014-2015	City of Redmond	2012-2014	WSDOT	2014
Monitoring and Maintenance	WSDOT	2017-2027	WSDOT	2017-2027	WSDOT	2015-2025	WSDOT	2013-2023	WSDOT ^d	2015-2025	WSDOT	2014-2024	WSDOT	2014-2019
Long-Term Management	Seattle Parks	NA	Seattle Parks	NA	SPU ^a	NA	DNR	NA	King County	NA	City of Redmond	NA	WSDOT	NA
Protection Mechanism	Conservation Easement ^c		MOA		MOA		WSDOT Ownership							

2 ^a Implementation schedule and agency responsibilities are subject to change.
3 ^b Ownership will be transferred to the Seattle Parks Department in 2012.
4 ^c Conservation Easement or other suitable mechanism for legal protection.
5 ^d Implementation roles between WSDOT and King County to be determined.
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1 **Table 6-16. Project Element and Aquatic Mitigation Site Construction Schedule**

Design Phase Schedule ^a		Permanent Impacts and Mitigation						Temporary Impacts and Mitigation				
		Cumulative Permanent Impacts (acres)	Cumulative Permanent Mitigation (acres)	Mitigation Site Construction				Cumulative Temporary Impacts (acre-years)	Cumulative Temporary Mitigation (acre-years)	Mitigation Site Construction		
Year	Phase Complete ^b			S. Lake WA - DNR	Bear Creek	East Approach	Elliott Bridge Reach			Taylor Creek	Magnuson Park	Seward Park
2012		N/A	0	x	x			N/A	0			
2013		N/A	1.75	x	x			N/A	0			
2014		N/A	6.90		x	x	x	N/A	0	x		
2015	FB&L	1.99	8.56				x	0.65	5.2	x		
2016		1.99	8.56					0.65	5.2		x	x
2017	WAB	4.85	8.56					12.31	38.68		x	x
2018 ^c	PBB/MBB	7.43	8.56					16.87	38.68			

2 ^a Design phase as shown in Figure 2-5, Project Delivery Schedule

3 ^b Expected completion of construction for the stated phase.

4 ^c Year denotes the scheduled completion of construction; does not correspond to impacts occurring in 2018.

5 Note: FB&L = Floating Bridge and Landings, WAB = West Approach, PBB = Portage Bay Bridge, MBB = Montlake Bascule Bridge

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1 **6.14 Summary of Ecological Functions and Benefits**

2 Under the proposed mitigation approach, these temporary impacts could be offset by
 3 applying temporary mitigation value from variety of project combinations (Table 6-17). The
 4 specific application of mitigation toward temporary or permanent impacts should match the
 5 species, stock, life stage, and habitat function, respectively.

6 **Table 6-17. Proposed Mitigation Sites and Their Compensatory Value**

Mitigation Site	Mitigation Type (mitigation acreage applied to one or the other category, not both)	
	Permanent Mitigation Credits (acres) ^a	Temporary Mitigation Credit (acre-years) ^b
Seward 1	0.38	6.26
Seward 2	0.05	0.85
Seward 3	0.14	2.23
Seward 4	1.09	19.37
Magnuson 1	0.12	1.88
Magnuson 2	0.20	2.89
Taylor Creek	0.38	5.20
S. Lake WA	1.75	28.68
Cedar/ Elliott	1.67	22.18
Bear	4.55	67.21
East Approach	0.60	11.91
TOTALS	10.91	168.64

7 ^aTable E-3 shows calculation detail

8 ^bTable E-2 shows calculation detail

9 **6.14.1. Mitigation for Temporary Impacts**

10 Temporary project impacts that require compensatory mitigation include partial shading, fill,
 11 and increased predator fish habitat from the construction work bridges and falsework. These
 12 temporary impacts will bear the largest effect on juvenile Chinook as they migrate towards
 13 the Ship Canal in the shallow nearshore, where these work bridges are proposed to occur (see
 14 Section 4.3).

15 Based on a review of project impacts and available mitigation types, WSDOT is currently
 16 proposing using the restoration projects at Seward Park, Magnuson Park, and Taylor Creek to
 17 offset temporary impacts (Table 6-18). The mitigation actions will benefit survival of
 18 juvenile Chinook by increasing habitat function along their migratory path toward the Ship
 19 Canal. These projects will also benefit adult coho and sockeye, in terms of suitability of
 20 spawning habitat. Most of the juvenile rearing habitat restoration will benefit the juvenile
 21 Chinook originating from the Cedar River (i.e., Seward Park, Taylor Creek). Magnuson Park
 22 will benefit the North Lake Washington and Issaquah/ Sammamish stocks. This allocation of
 23 compensatory mitigation is proportional to the higher exposure of the Cedar River stocks to

1 the temporary work bridge impacts. While some of the North Lake Washington and
2 Issaquah/ Sammamish stocks may encounter the temporary work bridges during
3 outmigration, most will outmigrate through the Ship Canal without straying south into the
4 work zone.

5 The assignment of mitigation sites to specific impact categories (permanent or temporary)
6 has not been finalized, and could change pending finalization of the suite of mitigation sites
7 and/or input from regulatory agencies. A summary of the compensatory mitigation value of
8 these projects is presented in Appendix E, Table E-1. As described in Section 5.4 and
9 Appendix E, the mitigation value is based on plan view acreages of mitigation actions. The
10 plan view acreages are weighted by (1) relative fish use, (2) project type, and (3) discounts
11 for the temporal lag of project function.

12 **6.14.2. Mitigation for Permanent Impacts**

13 A wide range of habitat restoration projects are proposed to address potential impacts to
14 different salmonid species at various life stages during operation of the proposed SR 520, I-5
15 to Medina Project. Under the proposed mitigation approach, these permanent impacts could
16 be offset by applying permanent mitigation value in a variety of project combinations Table
17 6-17). Based on a review of project impacts and available mitigation types, WSDOT is
18 currently proposing using the South Lake Washington Shoreline, Cedar River/ Elliott Bridge,
19 Bear Creek, and East Approach restoration projects to offset permanent (operational) impacts
20 because the benefits include a wide range of species and life stages (Table 6-18). The
21 assignment of mitigation sites to specific impact categories (permanent or temporary) has not
22 been finalized, and could change pending finalization of the suite of mitigation sites and/or
23 input from regulatory agencies. The mitigation accounting for each project is detailed in
24 Appendix E, Table E-2.

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1 **Table 6-18. Proposed Mitigation Sites and Their Allocation to Permanent and Temporary Impacts**

Mitigation Site	Mitigation Actions	Species/ Life Stage Addressed	Permanent Mitigation Credit (acres)	Temporary Mitigation Credit (acre-years)
Seward Park 1	Shoreline enhancement + hard structure removal, riparian restoration	Chinook (juvenile rearing/ feeding, juvenile migration),	0	6.26
Seward Park 2	Shoreline enhancement (gravel supplementation)	Chinook (juvenile rearing/ feeding, juvenile migration), Sockeye (spawning, rearing/feeding)	0	0.85
Seward Park 3	Shoreline enhancement (gravel supplementation), riparian restoration	Chinook (juvenile rearing/ feeding, juvenile migration),	0	2.23
Seward Park 4	Shoreline enhancement (gravel supplementation)	Sockeye (spawning)	0	19.37
Magnuson Park 1	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal, Riparian Restoration	Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/ Feeding, Juvenile Migration),	0	1.88
Magnuson Park 2	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/ Feeding, Juvenile Migration),	0	2.89
Taylor Creek	Channel and Delta Restoration, Riparian + Floodplain Restoration	Chinook (Rearing/ Feeding) Sockeye (Spawning, Rearing/ Feeding), Coho (Spawning, Rearing/ Feeding)	0	5.20

Mitigation Site	Mitigation Actions	Species/ Life Stage Addressed	Permanent Mitigation Credit (acres)	Temporary Mitigation Credit (acre-years)
South Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal, Riparian Restoration, Dolphin Removal	Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/ Feeding, Juvenile Migration) Sockeye (Juvenile Rearing/ Feeding)	1.75	0
Bear Creek	Stream Enhancement, Riparian Restoration	Chinook (Rearing/ Feeding) Sockeye (Rearing/ Feeding) Coho (Rearing/ Feeding)	4.55	0
Cedar River/ Elliott Bridge	River Margin and Aquatic Off-channel Creation, Riparian + Floodplain Restoration	Chinook (Spawning, Rearing/ Feeding) Sockeye (Spawning, Rearing/ Feeding) Coho (Spawning, Rearing/ Feeding) Steelhead (Spawning, Rearing/ Feeding)	1.67	0
East Approach	Shoreline enhancement (gravel supplementation, bulkhead removal), riparian enhancement	Sockeye (Spawning) Chinook (Juvenile Rearing/ Feeding, Juvenile Migration)	0.60	0

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1 **6.14.3. Comparison of Impacts and Mitigation**

2 According to the impact and mitigation–assessment framework (Tables 4-2 and 4-3), the SR
3 520, I-5 to Medina Project’s proposed mitigation actions compensates for both permanent
4 and temporary impacts (Table 6-19). Although the final dispensation of permanent and
5 temporary mitigation credit assignment to individual sites has not been finalized, the current
6 site assignment, as discussed above, and the variety and quantity of proposed mitigation is
7 adequate to compensate for both temporary and permanent project impacts.

8 The mitigation value to the focal fish and their survival at various life stages are
9 commensurate with potential impacts to the same species and life stages, as modeled in
10 Figure 6-14. Although the impacted habitat features (see model in Figure 4-1) and mitigation
11 habitat features (see model in Figure 6-14) differed in type and spatial location, the project’s
12 mitigation targeted the same species, stocks, and life stages that were impacted (Section 4.1;
13 Table 6-1). Because the temporary and permanent impacts are likely to affect juveniles
14 migrating toward the Ship Canal, most compensatory mitigation actions are designed to
15 benefit juvenile survival. In addition, these restoration projects are intended to enhance
16 spawning success of all focal species in order to address the concern of unanticipated project
17 effects on adults migrating from the Ship Canal into the lake. The proposed plan provides an
18 excess of compensatory mitigation. Any unknown project impacts that are identified in the
19 future will be mitigated, as appropriate.

20 **Table 6-19. Total Impact and Mitigation Metrics after Application of the Mitigation Framework**

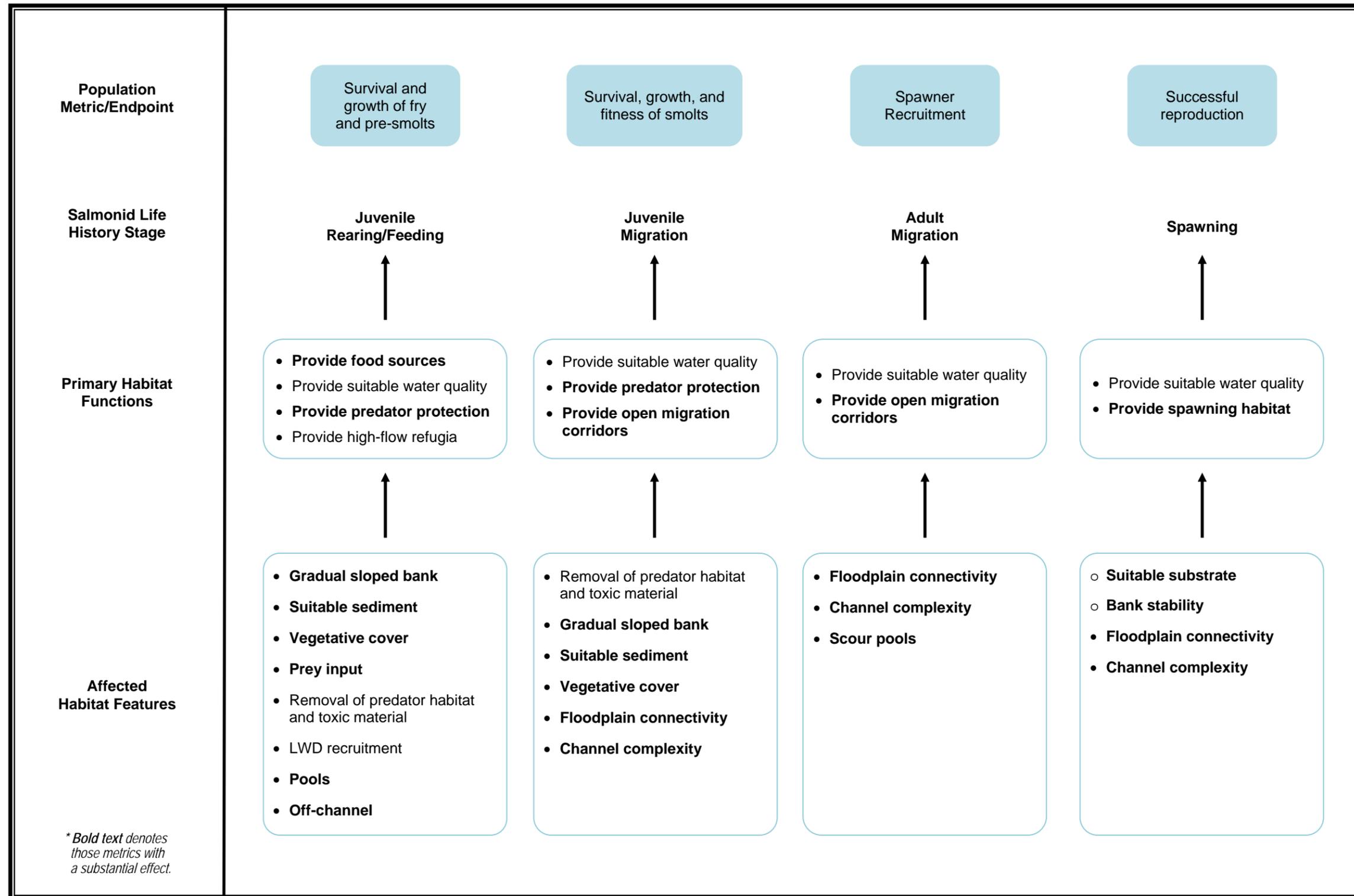
	Permanent (Acres)	Temporary (Acre- Years)
Impacts	7.43	17.04
Mitigation	8.56	38.66

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Figure 6-14. Conceptual Model of Mitigation Benefits



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7. Mitigation Goals, Objectives, and Performance Standards

WSDOT uses goals and objectives to guide mitigation design and construction. Goals and objectives typically are based on area or function. Goals describe the overall intent of mitigation efforts; objectives describe individual components of the mitigation site in detail. Performance standards are the benchmarks that define success for each objective and direct adaptive management. These standards describe specific on-site characteristics that indicate whether the mitigation site meets an objective. They also guide the management of the mitigation site. Performance standards are also used to evaluate compliance with regulatory permits during the monitoring period. Contingency plans describe what actions can be taken to correct site deficiencies.

WSDOT uses an adaptive management process to improve mitigation success and correct site deficiencies that are observed during monitoring. Adaptive management is a process through which monitoring results may initiate changes to mitigation and maintenance activities, or monitoring protocols. Mid-course corrections may be necessary if monitoring data show the site is developing in ways that were not anticipated during design and permitting of the project. Information from ongoing monitoring further directs subsequent site management activities. WSDOT will monitor the site for up to 10 years and perform maintenance, as necessary, to achieve the mitigation performance standards. As part of the adaptive management process, mid-course corrections may be necessary if the site develops in ways that were not anticipated during design and permitting of the project. These mid-course corrections require coordination with regulators, and may, in some cases, require negotiation of revised performance standards.

7.1 Goals

The SR 520, I-5 to Medina Project will use a comprehensive mitigation plan to compensate for permanent aquatic impacts by restoring 2.57 acres of shoreline, 18.66 acres of riparian/floodplain habitat, and 3.86 acres of stream and off-channel habitat. This mitigation plan will compensate for temporary aquatic impacts by restoring 2.53 acres of lacustrine shoreline/ stream habitat, 2.47 acres of riparian/ floodplain habitat. This mitigation plan will be sufficient to meet federal, state, and local regulatory requirements.

7.2 Objectives

7.2.1. Seward Park 1

Off-site compensatory mitigation at Seward Park Project 1 will provide the following:

1 *SEW1_1: Enhance 0.39 acre of shoreline habitat by removing bulkheads and riprap,*
2 *excavating the shoreline to a gradual grade, and installing appropriate-sized gravel*
3 *and LWD.*

4 *SEW1_2: Enhance 0.40 acre of riparian habitat through removal of invasive*
5 *vegetation and installation of native tree and shrub vegetation.*

6 **7.2.2. Seward Park 2**

7 Off-site compensatory mitigation at Seward Park Project 3 will provide the following:

8 *SEW2_1: Enhance 0.06 acre of shoreline habitat by covering angular cobble and*
9 *sand with appropriately sized gravel.*

10 **7.2.3. Seward Park 3**

11 Off-site compensatory mitigation at Seward Park Project 2 will provide the following:

12 *SEW3_1: Enhance 0.18 acre of shoreline habitat by covering angular cobble with*
13 *appropriately sized gravel.*

14 *SEW3_2: Enhance 0.23 acre of riparian habitat through removal of invasive*
15 *vegetation and installation of native tree and shrub vegetation.*

16 **7.2.4. Seward Park 4**

17 Off-site compensatory mitigation at Seward Park Project 4 will provide the following:

18 *SEW4_1: Enhance 1.36 acres of shoreline habitat by covering sand and cobble with*
19 *appropriately sized gravel.*

20 **7.2.5. Magnuson Park 1**

21 Off-site compensatory mitigation at Magnuson Park Project 1 will provide the following:

22 *MAG1_1: Enhance 0.13 acre of shoreline habitat by removing concrete rubble,*
23 *excavating the shoreline to a gradual grade, and installing appropriate-sized gravel*
24 *and LWD.*

25 *MAG1_2: Enhance 0.37 acres of riparian habitat through removal of invasive*
26 *vegetation and installation of native tree and shrub vegetation.*

27 **7.2.6. Magnuson Park 2**

28 Off-site compensatory mitigation at Magnuson Park Project 2 will provide the following:

1 **MAG2_1:** Enhance 0.14 acre of shoreline habitat by removing bulkheads and
2 concrete rubble.

3 **MAG2_2:** Create 0.04 acre of stream channel by excavating a new outlet that will
4 function as an outlet for the Seattle Parks Department Habitat Improvement Area
5 wetland complex.

6 **MAG2_3:** Enhance 0.73 acre of riparian habitat through removal of invasive
7 vegetation and installation of native tree and shrub vegetation.

8 **7.2.7. Taylor Creek**

9 Off-site mitigation will take place at Taylor Creek, between the Lake Washington shoreline
10 and Rainier Avenue SW. The off-site compensatory mitigation will provide the following:

11 **TAY1:** Restore 0.15acre of stream habitat by relocating and reconfiguring the
12 existing stream channel, and installing appropriate-sized gravel and LWD.

13 **TAY2:** Enhance 0.74 acre of riparian habitat through removal of invasive vegetation
14 and installation of native tree and shrub vegetation.

15 **TAY3:** Restore 0.74 acre of floodplain habitat by removing historical fill, structures,
16 asphalt, concrete, utilities, underground storage tanks, etc.

17 **TAY4:** Restore 0.08 acre of the Taylor Creek delta, temporarily, by re-sloping the
18 delta to a configuration that is passable by adult salmon during the managed low lake
19 level.

20 **7.2.8. South Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration (DNR Parcel)**

21 Off-site mitigation will take place at four locations at the South Lake Washington Shoreline
22 Restoration (DNR Parcel). The off-site compensatory mitigation will provide the following:

23 **DNR1:** Enhance 1.74 acres of shoreline habitat through removal of a corrugated
24 sheet metal flume, rubble, shoreline excavation to attain a gradual grade, and
25 installation of appropriate-sized gravel.

26 **DNR2:** Enhance 2.51 acres of riparian habitat, where invasive weeds will be
27 removed and native vegetation will be installed, where 1.92 acres will be planted with
28 trees and shrubs, 0.59 acres will be planted with just shrubs, and wetlands plants will
29 be planted, as determined by the planting plan.

30 **7.2.9. Cedar River/ Elliott Bridge Reach**

31 Off-site mitigation will take place at the Elliott Bridge reach mitigation site. The off-site
32 compensatory mitigation will provide the following:

1 ***CED1:** Restore 3.47 acres of floodplain habitat, where existing levees will be*
2 *removed, areas behind the levees excavated to appropriate grades, and the natural*
3 *hydrologic processes restored along the Cedar River.*

4 ***CED2:** Create 0.70 acre (approximately 500 linear feet) of off-channel rearing*
5 *habitat and riverine marginal habitat. Install an engineered logjam (ELJ) at the*
6 *mouth of the channel and LWD habitat features along the right bank of the channel.*

7 ***CED4:** Enhance 3.47 acres of riparian habitat through removal of invasive*
8 *vegetation and installation of native tree and shrub vegetation.*

9 **7.2.10. Bear Creek**

10 Off-site mitigation will take place at the Bear Creek mitigation site. The off-site
11 compensatory mitigation will provide the following:

12 ***BEAR1:** Restore 12.62 acres of floodplain habitat through removal of existing*
13 *levees, excavation within areas behind the levees to appropriate grades, and*
14 *restoration of natural hydrologic processes along Bear Creek.*

15 ***BEAR2:** Enhance 12.62 acres of riparian habitat through removal of invasive*
16 *vegetation and installation of native tree and shrub vegetation.*

17 ***BEAR3:** Restore 3.16 acres of stream habitat by relocating existing stream channel,*
18 *stabilizing stream banks, and installing appropriate-sized gravel and LWD.*

19 **7.2.11. East Approach**

20 Off-site mitigation will take place at the east approach site. The off-site compensatory
21 mitigation will provide the following:

22 ***SOCK1:** Enhance 0.75 acre of sockeye salmon beach-spawning habitat through*
23 *installation of spawning gravel offshore.*

24 ***SOCK2:** Enhance 0.08 acre of shoreline habitat through removal of bulkheads and*
25 *riprap, excavation of the shoreline to a gradual grade, and installation of*
26 *appropriate-sized gravel and LWD.*

27 ***SOCK3:** Enhance 0.06 acre of riparian habitat through removal of invasive*
28 *vegetation and installation of native tree and shrub vegetation.*

29 **7.3 Performance Standards**

30 The performance standards described below provide benchmarks for measuring the progress
31 of the mitigation sites' goals and objectives. Mitigation activities are intended to meet these

1 performance standards within 10 years. Methods to monitor each performance standard are
 2 described in general terms.

3 Performance standards describe measurable attributes that can be used to evaluate success in
 4 meeting the goals and objectives of a compensatory mitigation project. Performance
 5 measures are used to guide site management activities during the monitoring period. Success
 6 standards are benchmarks measured during the final year of monitoring (Year 5 or 10) that
 7 are used to help evaluate compliance with regulatory requirements. Performance measures
 8 will be used to verify that the mitigation is on track to achieve the success standards.

9 Performance standards and contingency plans will be organized by objectives that re-occur in
 10 the array of mitigation sites proposed in this plan. The mitigation projects and their
 11 objectives are summarized in Table 7-1.

12 **Table 7-1. Generalized Project Objectives**

Mitigation Site	Objective			
	Shoreline Enhancement (Lacustrine)	Stream Restoration	Riparian Restoration	Floodplain Restoration
Seward Park 1	X		X	
Seward Park 2	X			
Seward Park 3	X		X	
Seward Park 4	X			
Magnuson Park 1	X		X	
Magnuson Park 2	X	X	X	
Taylor Creek	X	X	X	X
South Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration (DNR Parcel)	X		X	
Cedar River		X	X	X
Bear Creek		X	X	X
East Approach	X		X	

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14 **7.3.1. Shoreline Enhancement (Lacustrine) Performance**

15 The shoreline enhancement performance standards document and verify that the shoreline
 16 features are established according to the standards specified during the design. The shoreline

1 restoration performance standards also ensure that the shoreline features are functioning as
2 intended. These shoreline performance standards directly relate to Objectives SEW1_1,
3 SEW2_1, SEW3_1, SEW4_1, MAG1_1, MAG2_1, TAY4, DNR1, SOCK 1 and SOCK2.
4 Lacustrine habitat measurements should occur in year 1 and in subsequent years as defined in
5 the performance standards. Lake Washington is managed by the USACE at “high” and
6 “low” surface water elevations during different times of the year. LWD habitat
7 measurements should occur in May, when surface water elevations are high. Substrate
8 particle size measurements should be made between November- January, when surface water
9 elevations are low.

10 **Performance Standards**

11 *Year 1*

- 12 • As-built condition is consistent with the project design elements, including hard
13 structure removal, site grading plan, gravel supplementation specifications, and
14 installed habitat features.

15 *Year 3*

- 16 • The slope of the enhanced shoreline habitat is at or below 15% grade, as measured
17 from low lake level to the high lake level elevation to a 1-m depth. The LWD
18 structures are hydraulically engaged within the wetted portion of the lakes (at high
19 lake level).
- 20 • At least 80% of placed LWD pieces are retained within the project limits.
- 21 • At the shoreline substrate enhancement sites (not including the deep water gravel
22 installation at the east approach, Seward 2 or Seward 4 sites), median substrate
23 particle size (D50) is less than or equal to 49 mm or no greater than an 80% increase
24 above the initial D₅₀ (whichever is greater). The initial D₅₀ is measured during the
25 as-built gravel installation. The D50 will be estimated based on pebble counts in each
26 area of gravel supplementation, respectively. The b-axis of substrate particles will be
27 measured along transects from the high water level to the waterward extent of
28 substrate enhancement. Transects will be spaced along shoreline every 30 meters,
29 and only in the area of substrate enhancement. The D50 at deep water gravel
30 installation sites (at east approach, Seward 2 or Seward 4) will be estimated by visual
31 inspection or grab samples from the water surface.

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1 **Year 5**

- 2 • The slope of the enhanced shoreline habitat is at or below 15% grade, as measured
3 from low lake level to the high lake level elevation to a 1-m depth. The LWD
4 structures are engaged within the wetted portion of the lakes (at high lake level).

- 5 • At the shoreline substrate enhancement sites (not including the deep water gravel
6 installation at the east approach, Seward 2 or Seward 4 sites), median substrate
7 particle size (D50) is less than or equal to 49 mm or no greater than an 80% increase
8 above the initial D₅₀ (whichever is greater). The initial D₅₀ is measured during the
9 as-built gravel installation. The D50 will be estimated based on pebble counts in each
10 area of gravel supplementation, respectively. The b-axis of substrate particles will be
11 measured along transects from the high water level to the waterward extent of
12 substrate enhancement. Transects will be spaced along shoreline every 30 meters,
13 and only in the area of substrate enhancement. The D50 at deep water gravel
14 installation sites (at east approach, Seward 2 or Seward 4) will be estimated by visual
15 inspection or grab samples from the water surface.

- 16 • At least 50% of placed LWD is retained within the project limits.

17 **7.3.2. Stream Restoration Performance**

18 The performance standards for stream restoration document and verify that the stream
19 features are established according to the criteria specified during the design. The stream
20 restoration performance standards also assure that the stream features are functioning as
21 intended. These stream restoration performance standards directly relate to Objectives
22 MAG2_2, TAY1, CED2, and BEAR3.

23 **Performance Standards**

24 **Year 1**

- 25 • As-built condition is consistent with the project design elements, including hard
26 structure removal, site grading plan, and installed habitat features.

27 **Year 3**

- 28 • Stream habitat is accessible to adult and juvenile fish, specifically at the Cedar River
29 side channel, the lower reach of Taylor Creek, and the off-channel habitat at Bear
30 Creek. The connection point to deeper and adjacent water must be at least 0.5 feet
31 deep during seasonal low-water periods (late summer and early fall for the Cedar
32 River and Bear Creek; early fall for the lower reach of Taylor Creek).

- 33 • The channel does not show signs of headcutting or avulsion. Headcutting will be
34 measured by a thalweg bankfull depth profile of the new aquatic habitat features, as

1 compared to as-built installation. Signs of avulsion will be determined by mapping
2 the shoreline and noting areas of erosion into the stream bank. If detected, an analysis
3 will be conducted in order to determine if the geomorphic process is detrimental to
4 aquatic habitat or acceptable.

- 5 • The LWD and ELJ structures are hydraulically engaged within the wetted portion of
6 the streams (as measured during the late summer or early fall low-flow period).
- 7 • The in-stream structures (LWD and ELJ) remain intact and are either 1) providing
8 cover, 2) trapping sediment, or 3) scouring a pool.
- 9 • At least 80% of placed LWD is retained within the project limits.

10 *Year 5*

- 11 • Stream habitat is accessible to adult and juvenile fish, specifically at the Cedar River
12 side channel, the lower reach of Taylor Creek, and the off-channel habitat at Bear
13 Creek. The connection point to deeper and adjacent water must be at least 0.5 feet
14 deep during seasonal low-water periods (late summer and early fall for the Cedar
15 River and Bear Creek; early fall for the lower reach of Taylor Creek).
- 16 • The channel does not show signs of headcutting or avulsion. Headcutting will be
17 measured by a thalweg bankfull depth profile of the new aquatic habitat features, as
18 compared to as-built installation. Signs of avulsion will be determined by mapping
19 the shoreline and noting areas of erosion into the stream bank. If detected, an analysis
20 will be conducted in order to determine if the geomorphic process is detrimental to
21 aquatic habitat or acceptable.
- 22 • The LWD and ELJ structures are engaged within the wetted portion of the streams (at
23 low water).
- 24 • The in-stream structures (LWD and ELJ) remain intact and are either 1) providing
25 cover, 2) trapping sediment, or 3) scouring a pool.
- 26 • At least 60% of placed LWD is retained within the project limits.

27 **7.3.3. Riparian Restoration Performance**

28 The riparian performance standards document the establishment of a plant community that
29 (1) stabilizes shoreline or stream banks, and (2) provides fish cover. The riparian
30 performance standards directly relate to Objectives SEW1_2, SEW3_2, MAG1_2, MAG2_3,
31 TAY2, DNR2, CED4, and BEAR2. Wetland vegetation performance standards will apply to
32 the wetland planting zone at the Cedar River/Elliott Bridge Reach sites (objectives CED4 and
33 DNR2) as defined in “Wetland Vegetation” performance standards (Section 6.1.3) in the SR

1 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project Draft Final Wetland Mitigation
2 Report (WSDOT 2011a).

3 **Performance Standards**

4 *Year 1*

- 5 • As-built condition is consistent with the planting plan.
- 6 • Native woody species (planted and volunteer) achieve an average density of at least
7 four plants per 100 square feet in the overall riparian zone and a density of 6 plants
8 per 100 square feet within 10 feet of the shoreline.

9 *Year 3*

- 10 • Native woody species (planted and volunteer) achieve an average density of at least
11 four plants per 100 square feet in the overall riparian zone and a density of 6 plants
12 per 100 square feet within 10 feet of the shoreline.

13 *Year 5*

- 14 • Cover of native woody species (planted and volunteer) is at least 30% in the riparian
15 zone.

16 *Year 7*

- 17 • Cover of native woody species (planted and volunteer) is at least 40% in the riparian
18 zone.

19 *All years*

- 20 • Washington State and King County listed Class A Noxious Weeds indentified on the
21 site are eradicated.
- 22 • King County listed Class B and C Weeds identified on the site are controlled. Control
23 of noxious weeds means to prevent all seed production and to prevent the dispersal of
24 all propagative parts capable of forming new plants. If Japanese knotweed is found at
25 the mitigation site during monitoring, WSDOT (or its designated representatives) will
26 promptly remove the stems above ground and chemically treat it to facilitate
27 elimination of roots and rhizomes below ground.
- 28 • Noxious weeds listed by King County as Non-Designate including reed canarygrass,
29 non-native blackberries, and Scot's broom do not exceed 25% aerial cover in riparian
30 zones.

1 ***Year 10***

- 2 • Cover of native woody species (planted and volunteer) is at least 50% in the riparian
3 zone.

4 **7.3.4. Floodplain Restoration Performance**

5 The floodplain restoration performance standards document the establishment of a plant
6 community that (1) provides habitat for native wildlife, (2) allows for regular inundation
7 above the OHWM, and (3) provides vegetative roughness to slow floodwaters and allow the
8 deposition of sediment and associated pollutants. The buffer woody vegetation performance
9 standards directly relate to Objectives TAY3, CED1, and BEAR1.

10 **Performance Standards**

11 ***Year 1***

- 12 • As-built condition is consistent with the grading, planting, and habitat structure
13 elements of the project design.

14 ***Year 1 and Year 3***

- 15 • Native woody species (planted and volunteer) achieve an average density of at least
16 four plants per 100 square feet in the floodplain.

17 ***Year 5***

- 18 • Cover of native woody species (planted and volunteer) is at least 30% in the
19 floodplain.

20 ***Year 7***

- 21 • Cover of native woody species (planted and volunteer) is at least 40% in the
22 floodplain.

23 ***All years***

- 24 • Washington State and King County listed Class A Noxious Weeds identified on the
25 site are eradicated.
- 26 • King County listed Class B and C Weeds identified on the site are controlled. Control
27 of noxious weeds means to prevent all seed production and to prevent the dispersal of
28 all propagative parts capable of forming new plants. If Japanese knotweed is found at
29 the mitigation site during monitoring, WSDOT (or its designated representatives) will
30 promptly remove the stems above ground and chemically treat it to facilitate
31 elimination of roots and rhizomes below ground.

32

- Noxious weeds listed by King County as Non-Designate including reed canarygrass, non-native blackberries, and Scot’s broom do not exceed 25% aerial cover in floodplain.

Year 10

- Cover of native woody species (planted and volunteer) is at least 50% in the floodplain.

7.4 Monitoring

WSDOT staff (or its designated representatives) will monitor the mitigation site for 10 years after installation. If all the performance standards are achieved in less than 10 years, WSDOT may terminate monitoring with approval of the review agencies.

Quantitative monitoring will be completed and documented 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10 years after initial acceptance of the mitigation construction. The site should be evaluated during the summer following plant installation to assess survival rates and document the presence of non-native invasive species. Engineered stream channels and structures will be monitored during years 1, 3, 5, and 7 to verify that their habitat and hydraulic elements are functioning as intended. The WSDOT HQ Monitoring Program (or its designated representatives) will also complete informal (qualitative) assessments of the mitigation sites in years 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9 for adaptive management purposes only.

Quantitative monitoring will be designed to determine if the performance standards have been met. Monitoring reports will be submitted to the recipients listed in Table 7-2 by the month of April following the formal monitoring activities conducted the previous year.

Table 7-2. Monitoring Report Recipients

Permitting Agency or Organization
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Washington State Department of Ecology
WDFW
City of Seattle

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WSDOT has established a comprehensive set of monitoring methods used to monitor mitigation sites. The actual methods used to monitor each site are documented in annual monitoring reports prepared by WSDOT’s Monitoring Program based in the Environmental Services Office in Olympia, Washington, or its designated representatives.

1 **Contingency Plans**

2 WSDOT anticipates that the mitigation goals will be accomplished with the construction and
3 installation of the mitigation design shown on the grading and planting plans. Contingency
4 actions, however, may be needed to correct unforeseen problems. Contingency revisions
5 typically require coordination with the permitting agencies.

6 As necessary, contingency measures (site management or revisions to performance standards
7 with permitting agency agreement) will be implemented to meet performance measures and
8 standards.

9 **7.5 Site Management**

10 WSDOT (or its designated representatives) will manage the sites annually for the first 10
11 years. Site management activities shall include noxious weed control and may include
12 mulching, fertilizing, supplemental watering, maintaining access, repairing damage from
13 vandals, correcting erosion or sedimentation problems, or picking up litter. During the first
14 year, supplemental watering of installed vegetation may occur during July, August, and
15 September to ensure, at a minimum, the equivalent of normal rainfall levels and no periods of
16 drought (no rainfall or watering) longer than 3 weeks.

17 Reed canarygrass dominates the watershed and suppression/control of this invasive plant will
18 require careful site preparation and active site management. While complete elimination of
19 reed canarygrass from the mitigation site may not be possible, it should be managed
20 sufficiently to ensure survival of the native planted species until they can effectively
21 compete.

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Appendix A
Compensatory Mitigation Site Photos



Figure A-1. Seward Project 1, existing bulkhead. View is to the northeast.



Figure A-2. Seward Park Project 3. View is to the NNE.



Figure A-3. Seward Park Project 3. Angular Cobble.



Figure A-4. Magnuson Park Project 1 shoreline has very little riparian vegetation and an actively eroding vertical bank.



Figure A-5. Magnuson Park Project 2 existing shoreline.



Figure A-6. Taylor Creek delta.



Figure A-7. Taylor Creek existing shoreline.



Figure A-8. Taylor Creek, just upstream of the delta. Note the channel confinement with placement of boulders, the adjacent asphalt parking area, and upstream culvert. Also note the abundant gravel bedload.



Figure A-9. DNR Parcel, looking east toward the undeveloped shoreline. The end of the flume is located on the left side of the photo.



Figure A-10. DNR Parcel, looking east at the opening of the flume.



Figure A-11. DNR Parcel looking south toward Boeing plant.



Figure A-12. The narrow floodplain bench on the right bank of the Elliott Reach, Cedar River.



Figure A-13. Levee with riprap on the right bank of the Elliott Reach, Cedar River.

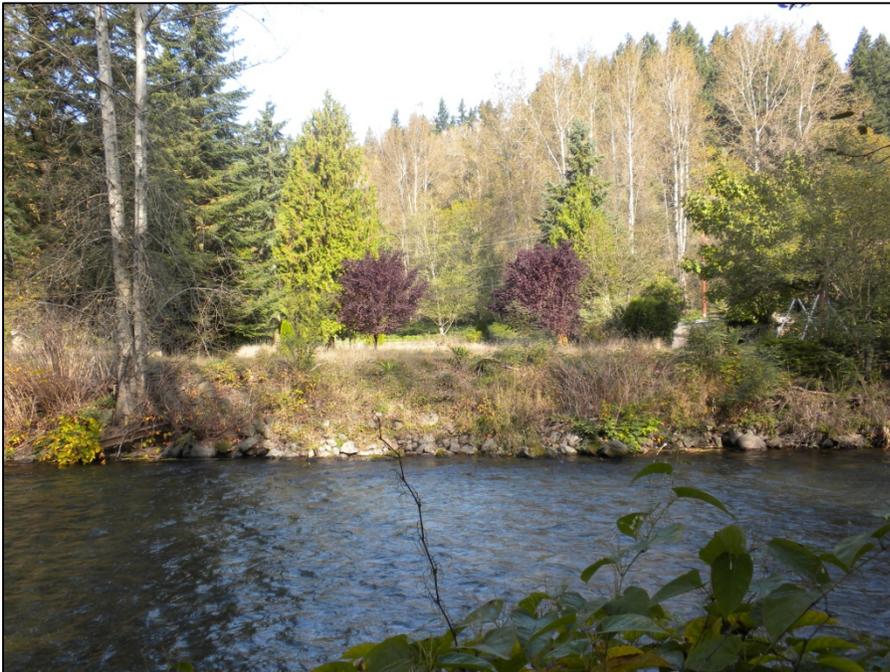


Figure A-14. Cedar River, levee and riprap on right (north) bank.



Figure A-15. Bear Creek low gradient riffle and armored stream banks near mouth.



Figure A-16. Southern riparian buffer of Bear Creek. SR 520 in background.



Figure A-17. WSDOT shoreline at the East Approach Gravel Supplementation project area.



Figure A-18. Existing substrate in the East Approach project area targeted for gravel supplementation.

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Appendix B
Grading Profiles

SEWARD PARK – PROJECT 1 – TRANSECT A

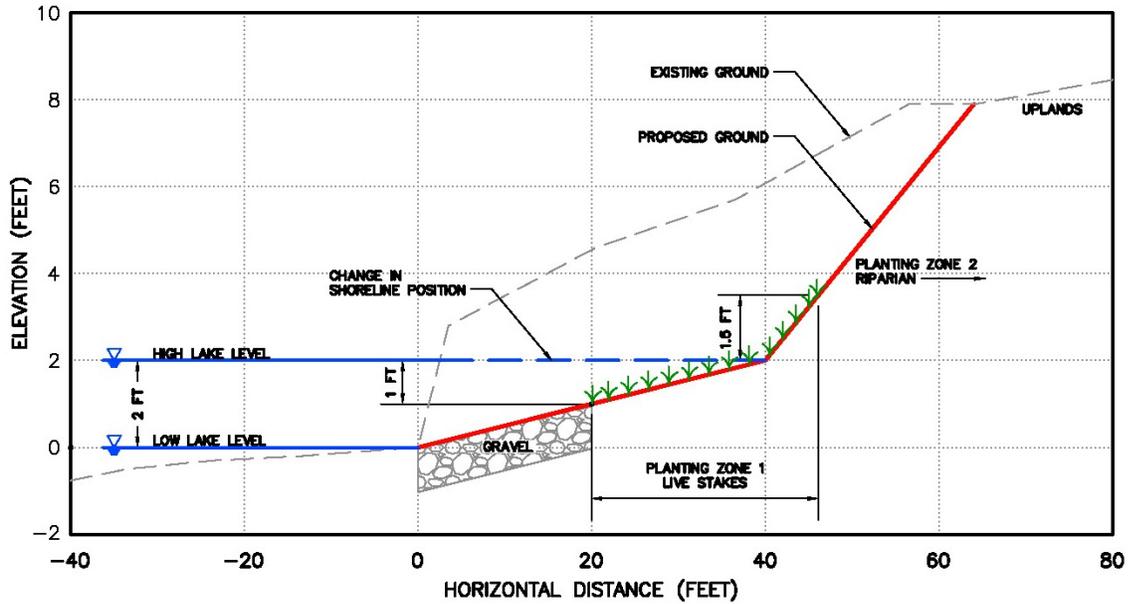


Figure B-1. Seward Park Project 1, Transect A

EXISTING	
Slope of in-water reach (%)	2
PROPOSED	
From Low to High Lake Level (%)	5
From High Lake Level to Upland (%)	25
Change in Shoreline Position (ft)	37

SEWARD PARK – PROJECT 1 – TRANSECT B

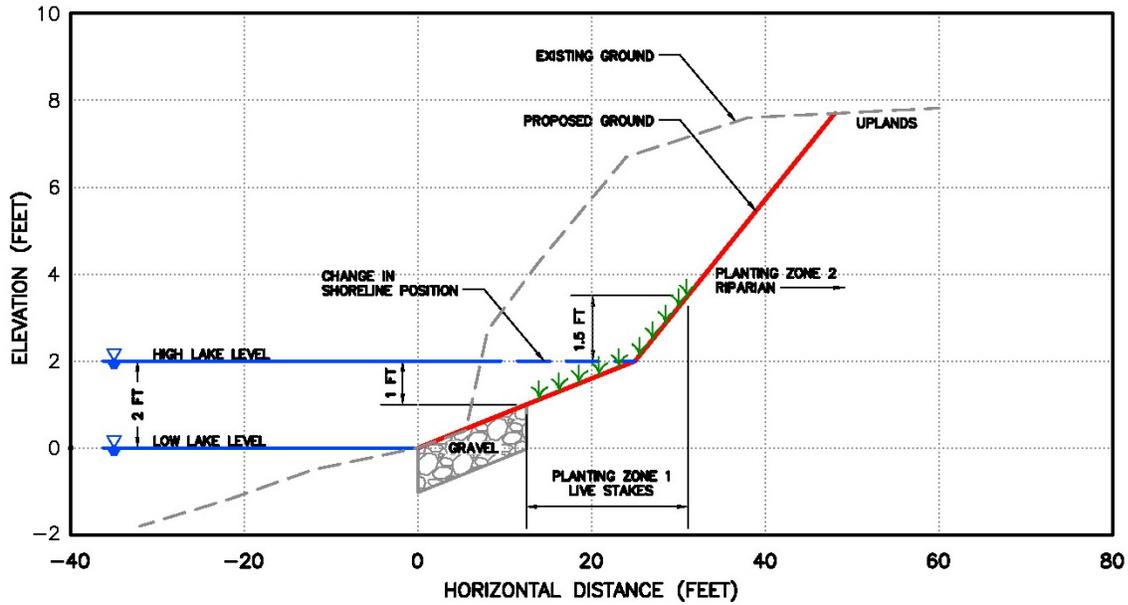


Figure B-2. Seward Park Project 1, Transect B

EXISTING	
Slope of in-water reach (%)	6
PROPOSED	
From Low to High Lake Level (%)	8
From High Lake Level to Upland (%)	25
Change in Shoreline Position (ft)	18

SEWARD PARK – REFERENCE REACH

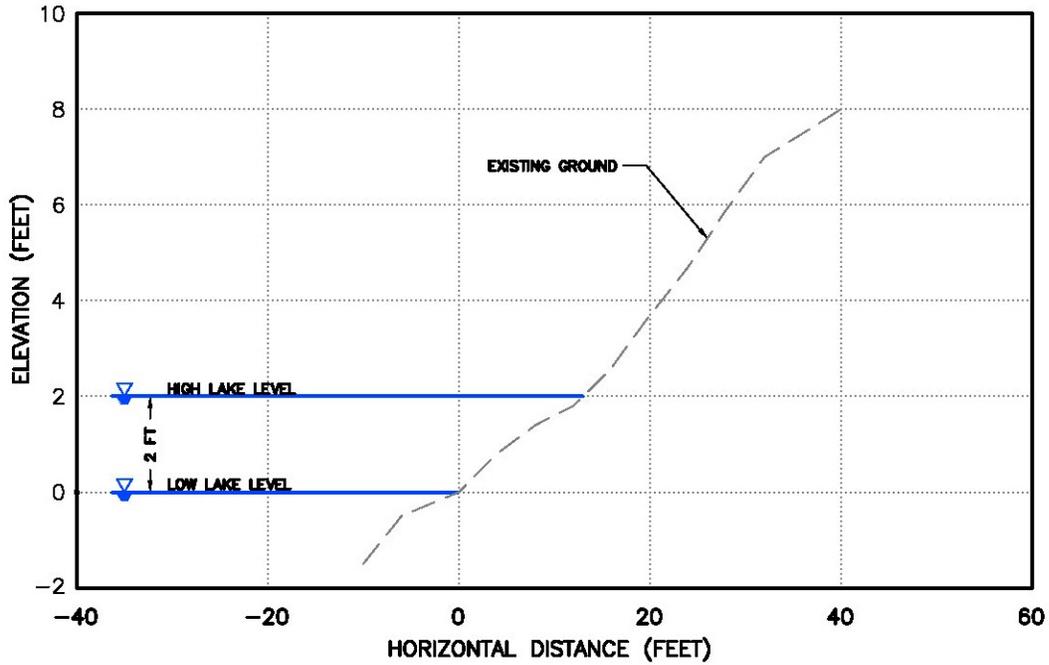


Figure B-3. Seward Park Project 1, Reference Reach

EXISTING	
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Slope of non-wetted reach (%)	20.0

MAGNUSON PARK – PROJECT 1 – TRANSECT A

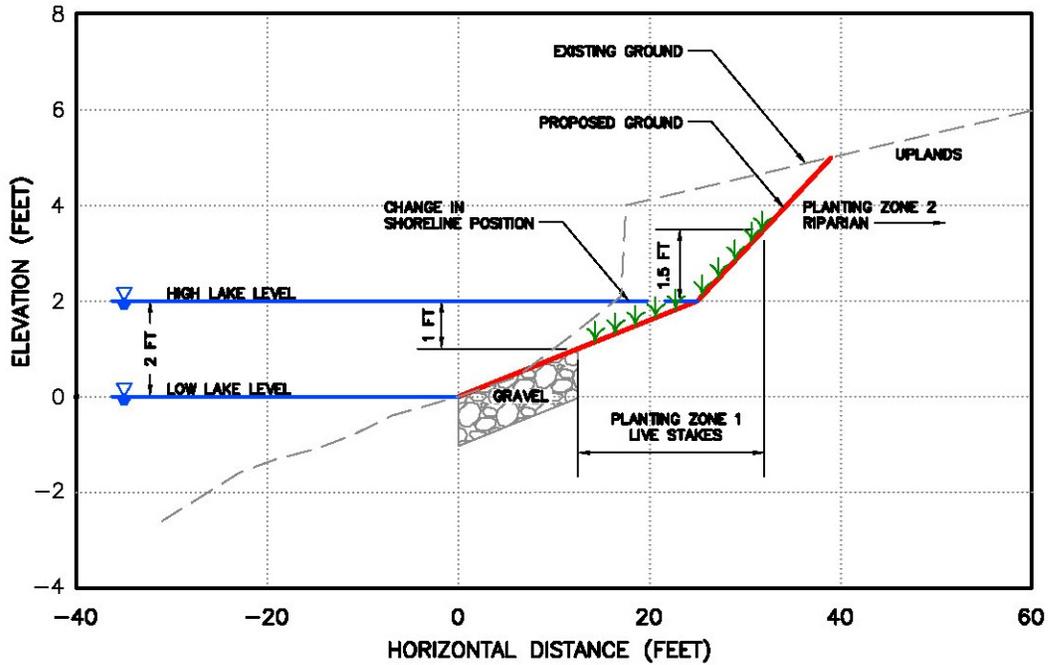


Figure B-4. Magnuson Park Project 1, Transect A

EXISTING	
Slope of in-water reach (%)	8
Slope of non-wetted reach (%)	13
PROPOSED	
From Low to High Lake Level (%)	8
From High Lake Level to Upland (%)	21
Change in Shoreline Position (ft)	8

MAGNUSON PARK – PROJECT 1 – TRANSECT B

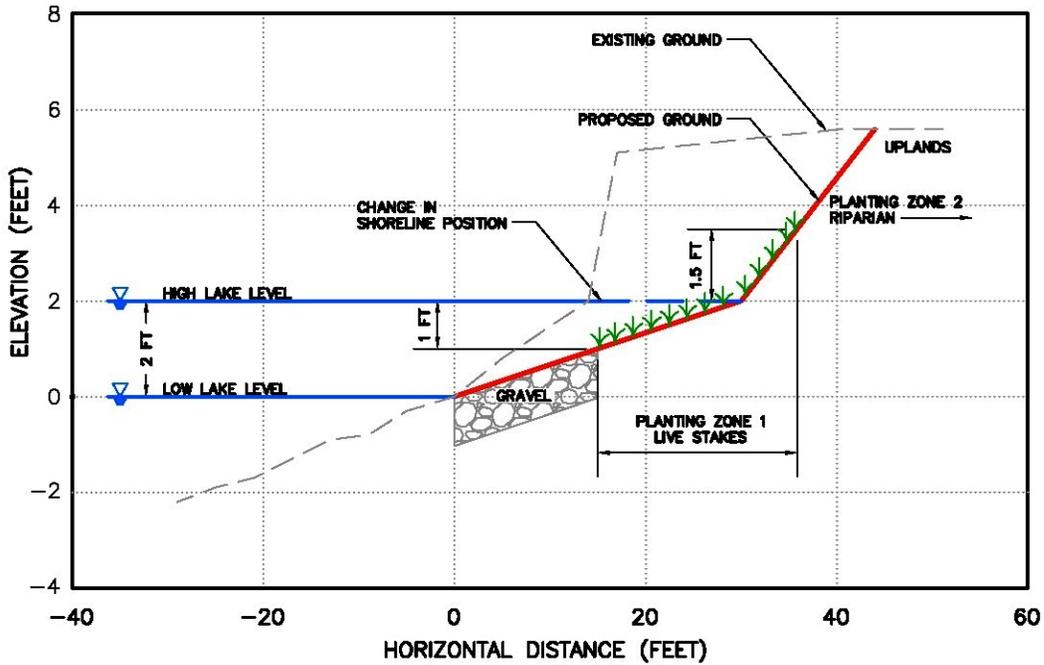


Figure B-5. Magnuson Park Project 1, Transect B

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Slope of in-water reach (%)	8
Slope of non-wetted reach (%)	14
PROPOSED	
From Low to High Lake Level (%)	7
From High Lake Level to Upland (%)	25
Change in Shoreline Position (ft)	16

MAGNUSON PARK – PROJECT 1 – TRANSECT C

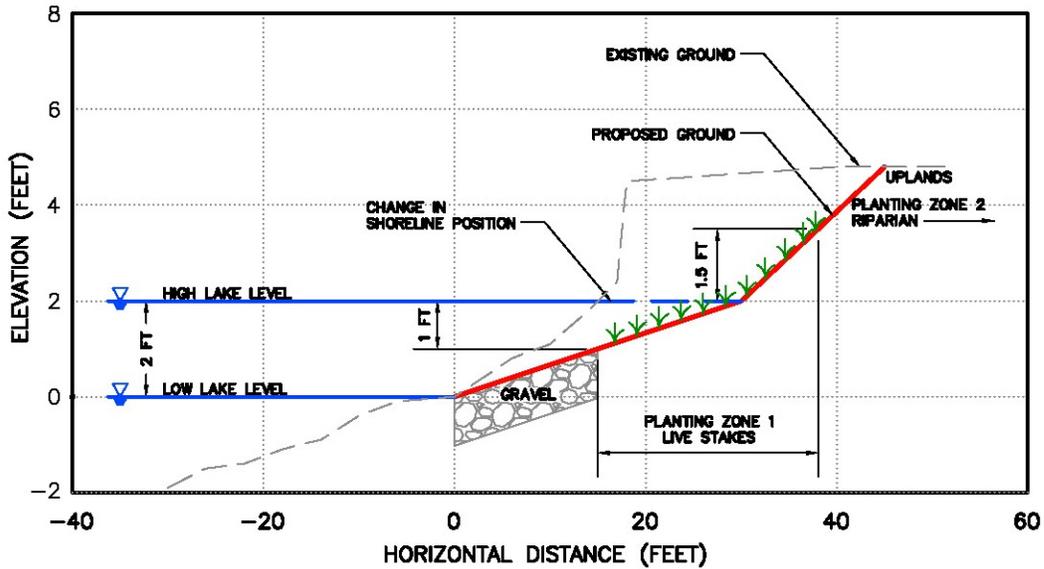


Figure B-6. Magnuson Park Project 1, Transect C

EXISTING	
Slope of in-water reach (%)	6
Slope of non-wetted reach (%)	12
PROPOSED	
From Low to High Lake Level (%)	7
From High Lake Level to Upland (%)	25
Change in Shoreline Position (ft)	15

MAGNUSON PARK – REFERENCE BEACH

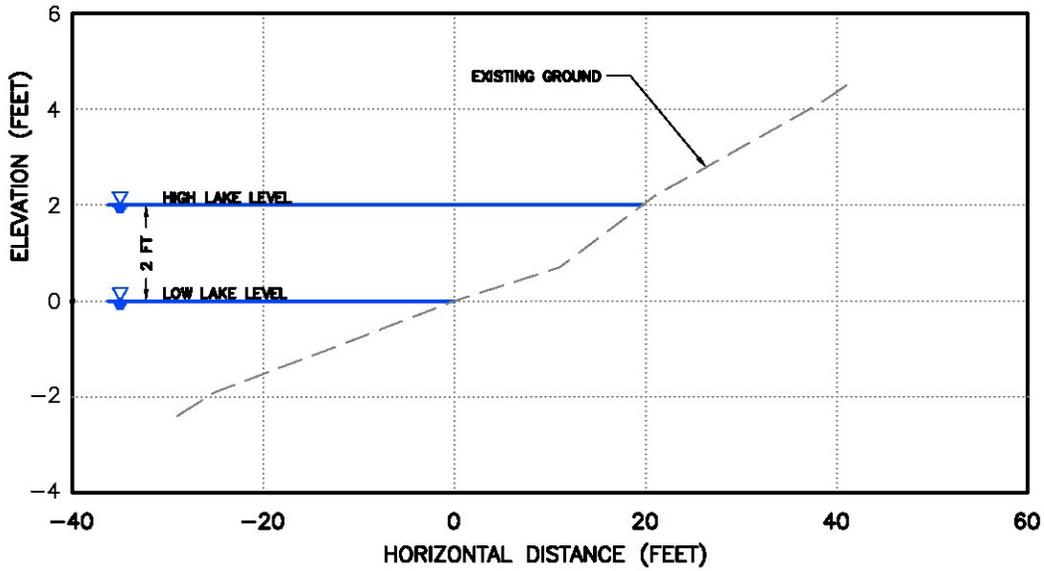


Figure B-7. Magnuson Park, Reference Reach

EXISTING	
Slope of in-water reach (%)	8.3
Slope of non-wetted reach (%)	11.0

EAST APPROACH- TRANSECT A

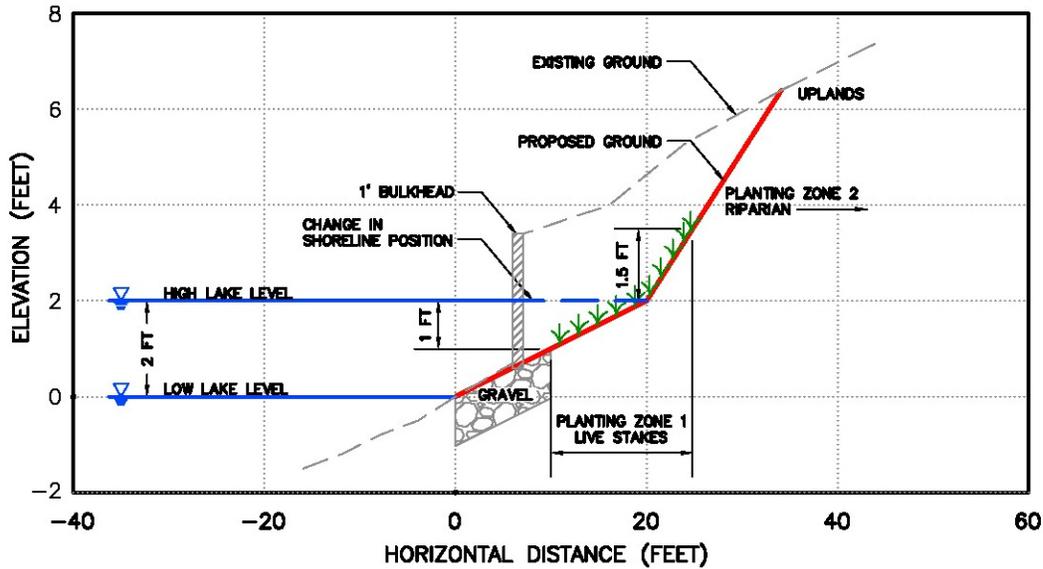


Figure B-8. East Approach Project, Transect A

EXISTING	
Slope of in-water reach (%)	9.4
Slope of non-wetted reach (%)	18.8
PROPOSED	
From Low to High Lake Level (%)	10.0
From High Lake Level to Upland (%)	31.4
Change in Shoreline Position (ft)	12.9

EAST APPROACH- TRANSECT B

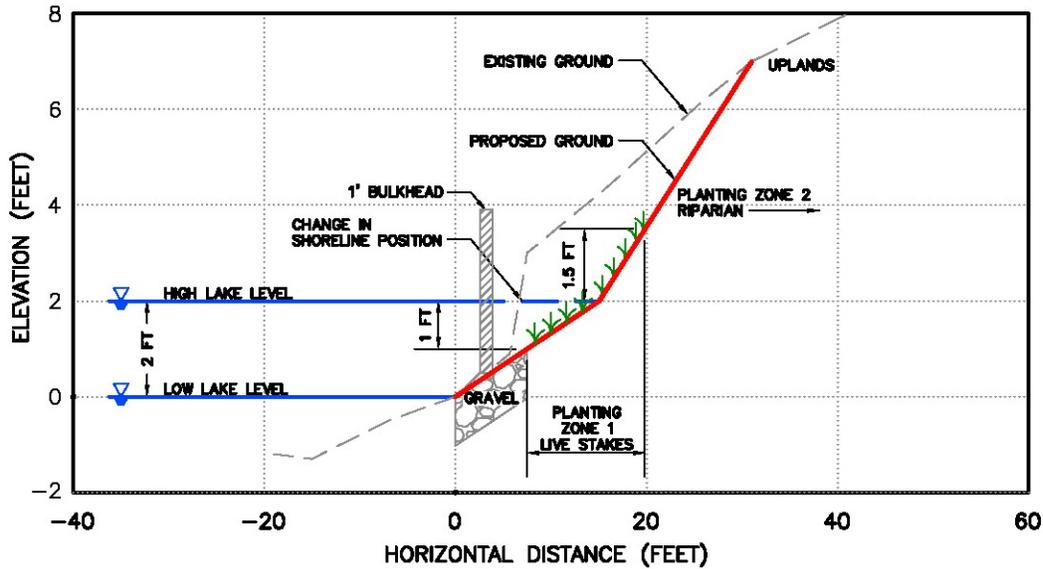


Figure B-9. East Approach Project, Transect B

EXISTING	
Slope of in-water reach (%)	6.3
Slope of non-wetted reach (%)	22.6
PROPOSED	
From Low to High Lake Level (%)	13.3
From High Lake Level to Upland (%)	31.3
Change in Shoreline Position (ft)	8.4

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Taylor Creek

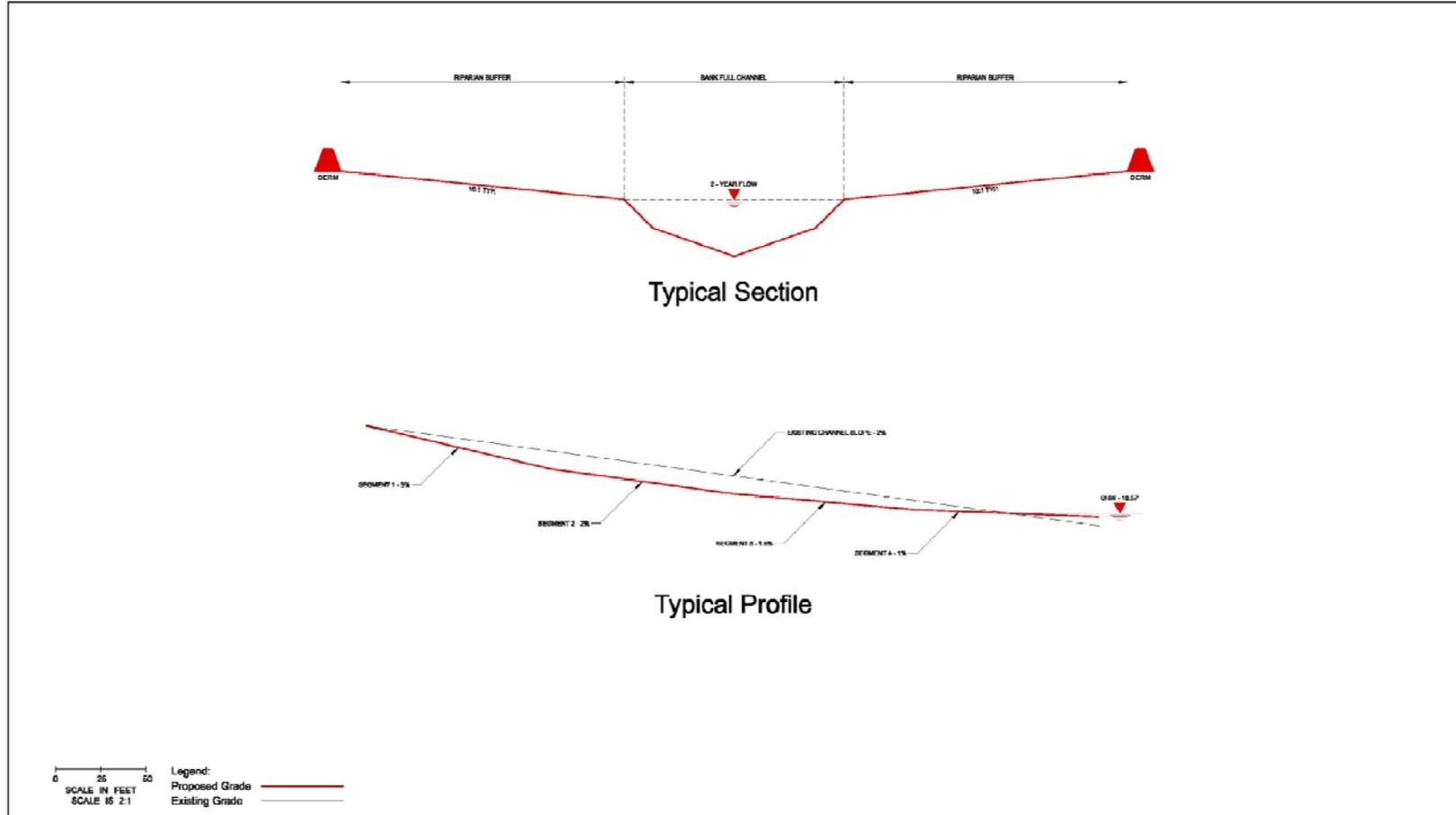


Figure B-10. Taylor Creek Project, Typical

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Cedar River / Elliott Bridge Site

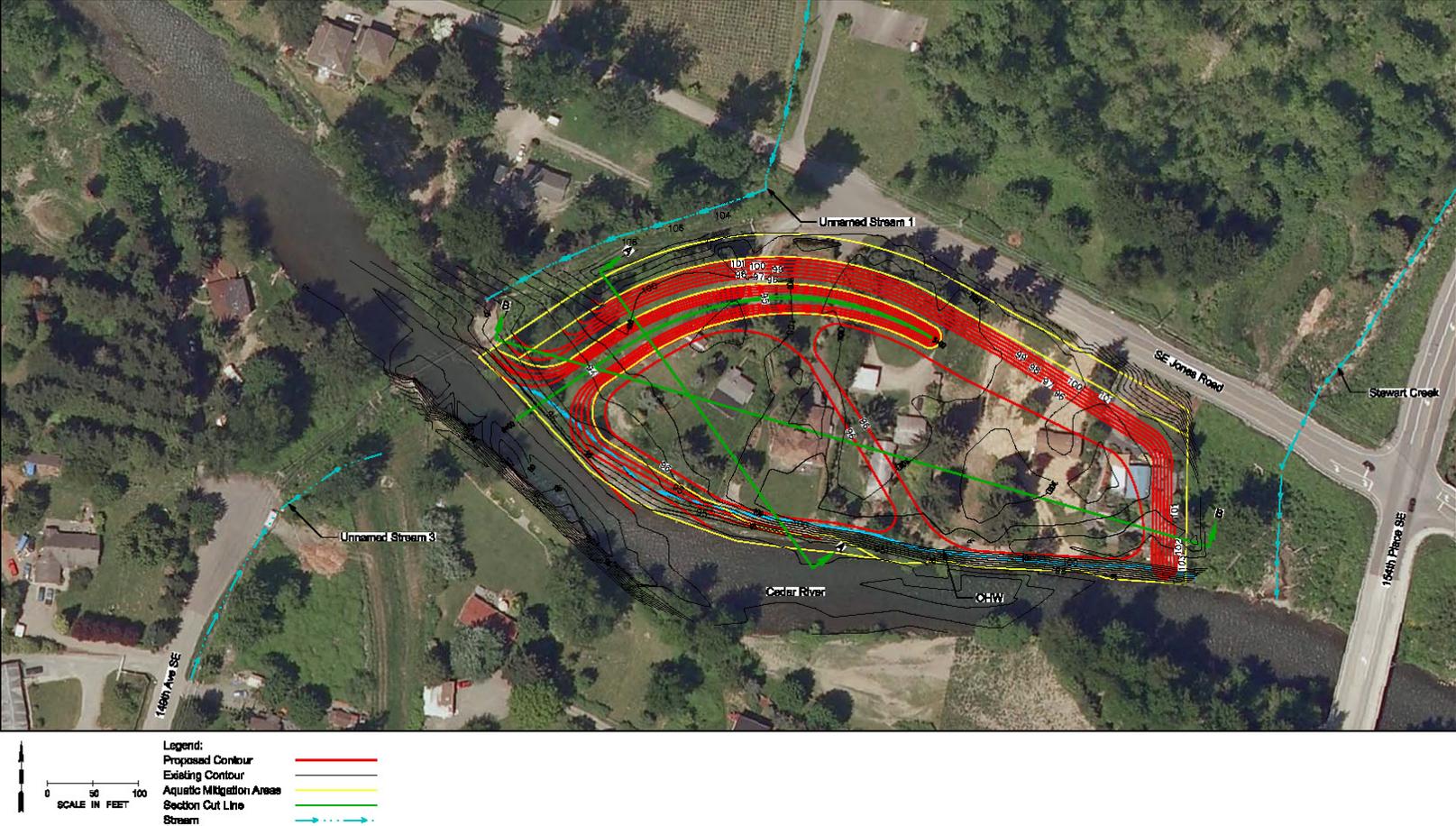


Figure B-11. Cedar River/ Elliott Bridge Site Grading Plan

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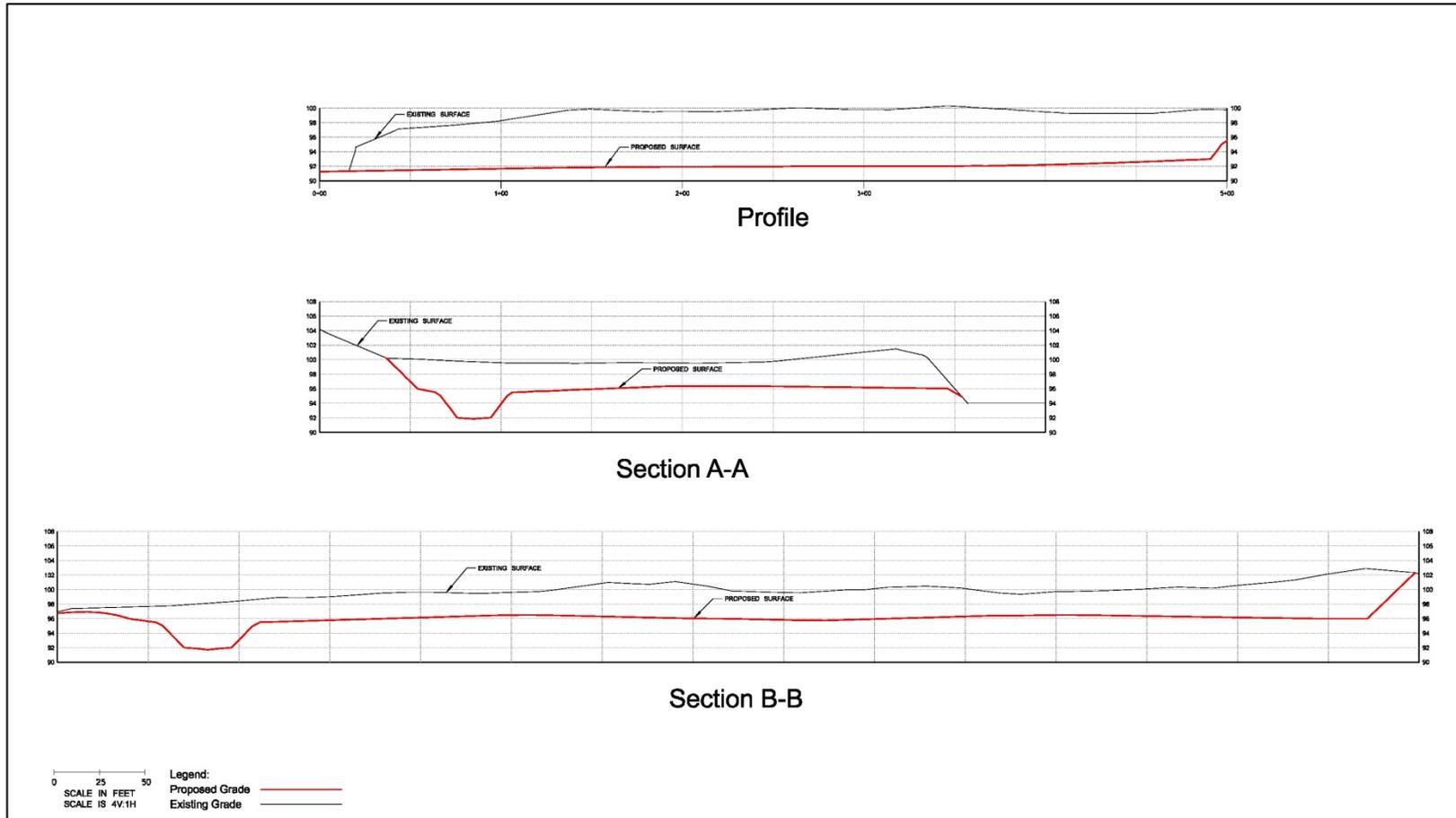


Figure B-12. Cedar River, Elliot Bridge Project, Typical

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Appendix C
Riparian Planting Palette

Riparian plantings at the Lake Washington aquatic mitigation sites will be largely composed of versatile and robust woody species. At sites used for other uses (e.g. parks), temporary fencing, signage, or other exclusion methods will be used to prevent damaging plantings. A typical species list is shown in Table C-1. The list includes canopy and shrub communities, and includes species that quickly develop a high amount of biomass. Planting at the Elliott Bridge mitigation site is more diverse due to the objectives of creating a complex wetland mosaic and an upland buffer component in the floodplain. A typical wetland species list is shown in Table C-2 and the upland buffer list is shown in Table C-3

Table C-1. Proposed Typical Planting List for Riparian Areas at Lake Washington Mitigation Sites

Common Name	Scientific Name	Size and Condition	Plant Spacing (in feet on center)
Zone 1 – Shoreline Fringe			
Scouler’s willow	<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	Live Stake	1’
Sitka willow	<i>Salix sitchensis</i>	Live Stake	1’
Red-osier dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Live Stake	1’
Zone 2 – Riparian			
Salmonberry*	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	#1 Container	4’
Red-osier dogwood*	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	#1 Container	4’
Pacific ninebark*	<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	#1 Container	4’
Sitka willow*	<i>Salix sitchensis</i>	#1 Container	4’
Nootka rose	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	#1 Container	4’
Vine maple	<i>Acer circinatum</i>	#1 Container	4’
Beaked hazelnut	<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	#1 Container	4’
Oceanspray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	#1 Container	4’
Common snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	#1 Container	4’
Red alder*	<i>Alnus rubra</i>	#1 Container	10’
Black cottonwood	<i>Populus balsamifera ssp.</i>	#1 Container	10’
Douglas-fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	#1 Container	10’
Sitka spruce*	<i>Picea sitchensis</i>	#1 Container	10’

* Best planted in close proximity to water.

Table C-2. Proposed Typical Planting List for Wetland Areas at Elliott Bridge Mitigation Site

Common Name	Scientific Name	Indicator Status	Size and Condition	Plant Spacing (in feet on center)
Water's Edge Planting				
Live Stakes				
Scouler's willow	<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	FAC	Live Stake	1'
Sitka willow	<i>Salix sitchensis</i>	FACW	Live Stake	1'
Scrub-shrub Wetland Planting				
Black twinberry	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	FAC+	#1 Container	4'
Peafruit rose	<i>Rosa pisocarpa</i>	FAC	#1 Container	4'
Salmonberry*	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	FAC+	#1 Container	4'
Red-osier dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	FACW+	#1 Container	4'
Pacific ninebark	<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	FACW-	#1 Container	4'
Scouler's willow	<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	FAC	#1 Container	4'
Sitka willow	<i>Salix sitchensis</i>	FACW	#1 Container	4'
Emergents				
Sawbeak sedge	<i>Carex stipata</i>	OBL	Plug	2'
Slough sedge	<i>Carex obnupta</i>	OBL	Plug	2'
Creeping spikerush	<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	OBL	Plug	2'
Baltic rush	<i>Juncus balticus</i>	FACW+	Plug	2'
Daggerleaf rush	<i>Juncus ensifolius</i>	FACW	Plug	2'
Skunk cabbage*	<i>Lysichiton americanum</i>	OBL	Plug	2'
Small fruited bulrush	<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	OBL	Plug	2'
Hardstem bulrush	<i>Schoenoplectus acutus</i>	OBL	Plug	2'
Forested Riparian Wetland Planting				
Trees				
Red alder**	<i>Alnus rubra</i>	FAC	4', B&B	12'
Oregon ash	<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	FACW	4', B&B	12'
Sitka spruce*	<i>Picea sitchensis</i>	FAC	4', B&B	12'
Black cottonwood	<i>Populus balsamifera ssp.</i>	FAC	4', B&B	12'
Pacific willow	<i>Salix lucida var. lasiandra</i>	FACW+	4', B&B	12'
Western red cedar*	<i>Thuja plicata</i>	FAC	4', B&B	12'
Shrubs				
Red-osier dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	FACW+	#1 Container	4'
Black twinberry	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	FAC+	#1 Container	4'

Common Name	Scientific Name	Indicator Status	Size and Condition	Plant Spacing (in feet on center)
Nootka rose	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	FAC	#1 Container	4'
Salmonberry	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	FAC+	#1 Container	4'
Emergents				
Skunk cabbage	<i>Lysichiton americanum</i>	OBL	Plug	2'
Water parsley	<i>Oenanthe sarmentosa</i>	OBL	Plug	2'

* Species to be planted in shaded areas or as secondary planting into established canopy.

Table C-3. Proposed Typical Planting List for Upland Buffer Areas at the Elliott Bridge Reach Mitigation Site

Common Name	Scientific Name	Indicator Status	Size and Condition	Plant Spacing (in feet on center)
Upland Forested				
Trees				
Big leaf maple	<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	FACU	4', B&B	12'
Red alder	<i>Alnus rubra</i>	FAC	4', B&B	12'
Black cottonwood	<i>Populus balsamifera ssp. trichocarpa</i>	FAC	4', B&B	12'
Bitter cherry	<i>Prunus emarginata</i>	FACU	4', B&B	12'
Douglas-fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	FACU	4', B&B	12'
Cascara*	<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	FAC-	4', B&B	12'
Western red cedar*	<i>Thuja plicata</i>	FAC	4', B&B	12'
Shrubs				
Black hawthorn	<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	FAC	#1 Container	4'
Vine maple*	<i>Acer circinatum</i>	FAC-	#1 Container	4'
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	FACU	#1 Container	4'
Salal	<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	FACU	#1 Container	4'

Common Name	Scientific Name	Indicator Status	Size and Condition	Plant Spacing (in feet on center)
Beaked hazelnut*	<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	FACU	#1 Container	4'
Oceanspray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	NL	#1 Container	4'
Oregon Grape	<i>Mahonia nervosa</i>	FACU	#1 Container	4'
Indian plum*	<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	FACU	#1 Container	4'
Baldhip rose	<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>	FACU	#1 Container	4'
Nootka rose	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	FAC	#1 Container	4'
Thimbleberry	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	FAC-	#1 Container	4'
Red Elderberry	<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	FACU	#1 Container	4'
Common snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	FACU	#1 Container	4'

* Species to be planted in shaded areas or as secondary planting into established canopy.

Appendix D

Magnuson Park Fish Distribution Data

Table D-1. Magnuson Park Fish Distribution Data^a.

Date	Year	Location	Time	Time	Water Temperature (Deg C)	Depth (ft)	Chinook Wild Fry	Chinook (Hatchery)	Sockeye Fry	Sockeye Presmolts	Coho Smolts Wild	Coho Smolts Hatchery	Cutthroat
7-Mar	1999	N.Sandpoint	1255	1300	8.5	27,27,27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15-Mar	1999	N.Sandpoint	823	828	6.9	20,25,20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4-Apr	1999	N.Sandpoint	857	903	9.6	27,25,24	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
5-Apr	1999	N.Sandpoint	1705	1710	8	26,26,24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8-May	1999	N.Sandpoint	1130	1135	12.3	30,28,25	1	0	0	7	5	6	6
13-Jun	1999	N.Sandpoint	1315	1320	14.8	25,25,22	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
15-Jun	1999	N.Sandpoint	1530	1535		26,26,26	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
26-Feb	2000	Sand Point	1450	1501	6.9	6,23	2	ND	0	0	0	0	0
26-Feb	2000	Sand Point	1335	1341	6.9	6,30	0	ND	0	0	0	0	0
2-Mar	2000	Sand Point	1930	1936	7	7,21,30	0	ND	0	2	0	0	0
2-Mar	2000	Sand Point	1955	2001	7	7,21,30	0	ND	0	0	0	0	0
16-Mar	2000	Sand Point	945	950	7	6,16,21	0	ND	0	0	0	0	0
22-Mar	2000	Sand Point	2125	2130	8.3	7,25,34	0	ND	0	3	0	0	0
6-Apr	2000	Sand Point	1205	1210	9		0	ND	1	0	0	0	0
12-Apr	2000	Sand Point	2250	2255	7.8	7,7,16	0	ND	0	3	0	0	0
27-Apr	2000	Sand Point	900	905	9	7,30,28	0	ND	0	0	0	0	0
4-May	2000	Sand Point	155	200	10	17,26,29	0	ND	0	4	3	19	0
17-May	2000	Sand Point	1005	1010	12.2	7,15,23	0	ND	0	0	4	1	2
25-May	2000	Sand Point	30	35	13.8	12,30,35	5	ND	0	0	0	1	3
8-Jun	2000	Sand Point	1035	1040	14.3	17,20,24	33	ND	0	5	5	0	0
2-Aug	2000	Sand Point	840	845	19.8	27,32	0	ND	0	0	0	0	0

^a Fresh, NOAA Fisheries, NWFSC, unpublished data

ND= No Data; Hatchery Chinook were not marked during that year; All Chinook were categorized as wild

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Appendix E
Mitigation Value Calculations

The overall approach to mitigation accounting is described in this excerpt from Section 5.5 “Mitigation Framework”. Figure E-1 (Figure 5-1 in the report) summarizes the process. The Fish Function Modifier (FFM) criteria are shown in Table E-1.

Since on-site, in-kind opportunities were not feasible, WSDOT sought off-site mitigation opportunities that addressed the same functions and values that could be affected by the project. Aquatic functions and values were defined in terms of the following fish species and their life history requirements:

- Fall Chinook
- Sockeye
- Coho
- Steelhead

The spatial locations of project impacts and mitigation sites were classified in terms of their importance to these species, and assigned a score commensurate to their value to the focal fish. These Fish Function Modifier scores were assigned to impact and mitigation sites, in the form of a 0-1 weighting factor. Section 4.1 describes criteria and rationale for the Fish Function Modifier scoring (Table E-1). The acreage of a given mitigation action is multiplied by the applicable Fish Function Modifier score (Figure 5-1, Figure E-1). Next, the mitigation acreage (adjusted by Fish Function Modifier score) is weighted in terms of the “Project Type” score (Figure 5-1, Figure E-1).

Using this framework, all in-water mitigation activities (riprap removal, shoreline grading, levee removal, dredging) were assigned a Project Type score of 1.0. A score of 1.0 is indicative of the direct and immediate aquatic benefits that these projects produce. Riparian and floodplain restoration projects received a score of 0.2, to recognize the delay in achieving full function/and or the indirect nature of these projects to functioning aquatic habitat. While riparian function along the shoreline may directly benefit fish (e.g., fish cover), the functional value becomes indirect farther from the shoreline (e.g., pollutant filtration, shading, etc.). Floodplains provide indirect fish benefits by attenuating flood flows, performing water quality functions, maintaining riverine wetlands, providing off-channel salmonid habitat, and providing the opportunity for dynamic channel creation over time. Mitigation areas that improve both riparian and floodplain functions received a Project Type score of 0.4 to reflect the additive value of riparian and floodplain functions. After adjusting the mitigation acreages by Fish Function Modifier and Project Type scores, the adjusted acreage can be applied to permanent impacts (see Section 4.1).

If the adjusted mitigation acreage is applied to temporary impacts instead of permanent impacts, an additional step is required. Temporary impacts are calculated in terms of weighted acre-years (see Section 4.1). Restoration actions that are intended to mitigate for these temporary impacts must also be valued in terms of their temporal contribution to aquatic functions and values. The acreage of each mitigation action (adjusted by Fish Function Modifier and Project Type scores) is multiplied by the percent aquatic function that the project provides on an annual basis for the first 18 years after project completion. For example, if a mitigation project was completed in 2012, temporary mitigation credit will be counted until 2030 (18 years). A total of 18 years was selected as an intermediate timeframe in which ecological functions could be realized and become established, yet credits would not be overstated by extending the timeframe out into perpetuity.

Projects that have full and immediate benefits are multiplied by 1.0 (i.e., 100% function) for all 18 years. Projects that take time to realize full function are multiplied by an increasing proportion (i.e., percent function) over time. Riparian restoration projects are assumed to realize 10% function during years 1 through 5, 50% function during years 6 through 10, and 100% function thereafter. The acre-years for all 18 years are summed to yield a total mitigation value that can be credited toward temporary impacts.

Figure E-1. Process for Determining Value of Mitigation Actions

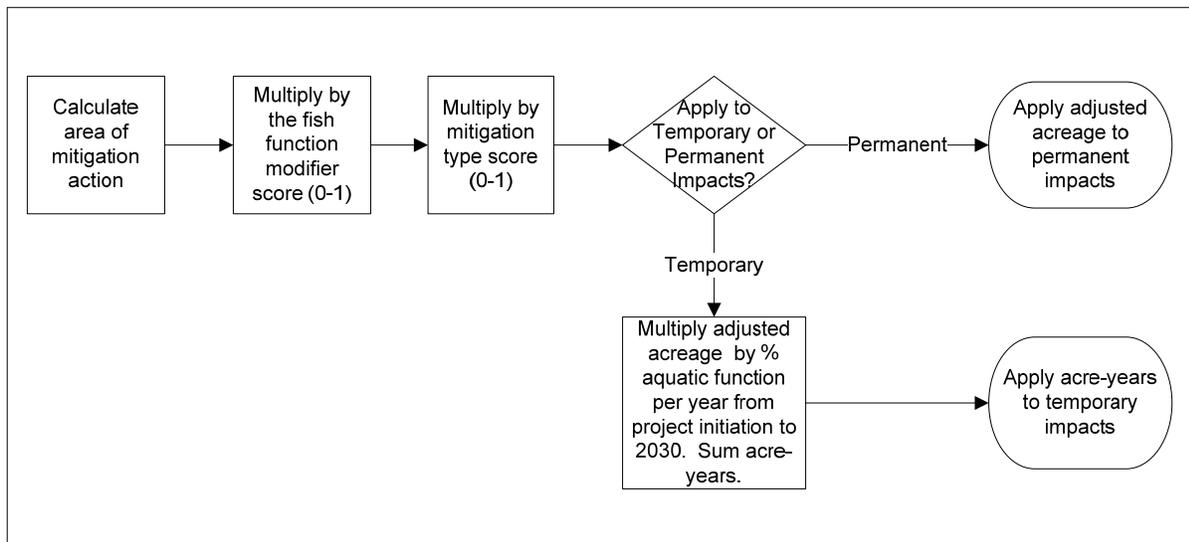


Table E-1. Proposed Scaling Factors and Criteria

Fish Function Modifier Score	Fish Function Modifier Criteria	Proposed Mitigation Sites Within Each Category
1 – Very High	Aquatic sites that are defined as critical migration or rearing areas for multiple species and stocks of juvenile salmon, or that serve as critical migration areas for multiple species and stocks of returning adults.	
0.8 – High	Aquatic sites that are known to support documented spawning of at least one salmonid species, or Aquatic sites that serve as migration or rearing areas of considerable importance for one or more species of juvenile salmon, or that serve as migration areas of considerable importance for returning adults.	Seward 1 Seward 4 Taylor Creek So. Lake WA Restoration Cedar River/ Elliott Reach Bear Creek East Approach
0.6 – Moderate	Aquatic sites that do not support salmon spawning, and where juvenile migration or rearing areas for juvenile salmonid species occurs, but where fish density, or temporal distribution of fish is lower compared to that of other sites.	Seward 2 Seward 3 Magnuson 1 Magnuson 2
0.1 – Low	Aquatic sites that do not support salmon spawning, and that have low or nominal use by salmonids for migration or rearing.	

The following sections are also presented in the “Mitigation Site Existing Conditions and Fish Use” sections in Chapter 6 of the mitigation plan. These sections justify the assignment of FFM values used in mitigation accounting, as shown in Tables E-2 and E-3.

Seward 1 (Section 6.2.2)

Fish use along the southwest shoreline of Seward Park (a natural shoreline area adjacent to Seward 1) is documented in Tabor et al. (2006). During snorkel surveys in 2003 (April 7–May 6), a total of 76 Chinook salmon were observed and their abundance was higher on each date than at any other site in Seward Park (Tabor et al. 2006). On two of these three surveys, more Chinook salmon were observed along this shoreline than at the other sites combined. Only six Chinook salmon were observed in this area during the last two surveys in 2003 (May 22 and June 10) and their abundance was similar to that at other sites in Seward Park. The high abundance of Chinook salmon at this site is likely due to better habitat conditions, specifically the sand substrate and gradual slope and the site is closer to the Cedar River than other Seward Park sites. Given the high use by Chinook juveniles in this area, Seward 1 fits the “high” FFM definition of “aquatic sites that serve as migration or rearing areas of considerable importance for one or more species of juvenile salmon”. Therefore, Seward 1 has an FFM score of 0.8.

Seward 2 (Section 6.3.2)

The Seward 2 shoreline is used by migrating juvenile Chinook, primarily from the Cedar River. Although this segment of shoreline is along their primary migration path, the density of juvenile Chinook is not as high as at the southeastern extremity of the park (Tabor et al. 2006).

Historical records document sockeye spawning along this specific segment of the Seward Park nearshore (WDFW map records; K. Buchanan, Fish Biologist, WDFW, Olympia, Washington. July 26, 2004. Pers. Comm.). During a 1999 snorkel survey along the Seward Park shoreline, the presence of adult sockeye carcasses at various locations on the Seward Park shoreline throughout October, November, and December indicated that beach spawning was occurring (City of Seattle 2001). Therefore, this project area meets the 0.8 FFM criterion of being an “aquatic site that is known to support documented spawning of at least one salmonid species”, and is assigned an FFM of 0.8.

Seward 3 (Section 6.4.2)

The Seward 3 shoreline is used by migrating juvenile Chinook, primarily from the Cedar River. Although this segment of shoreline is along their primary migration path, the Chinook juveniles may not be as dependent on shallow littoral areas as they are earlier in their life history. Therefore, this project area does not meet the 0.8 FFM criterion of being a “migration or rearing areas of considerable importance for one or more species of juvenile salmon”, and is assigned an FFM of 0.6.

Seward 4 (Section 6.5.2)

The Seward 4 shoreline is assumed to be used by migrating juvenile Chinook from the Cedar River, although this segment of shoreline has never been snorkeled for juvenile Chinook fish use. Historical records document sockeye spawning along this specific segment of the Seward Park nearshore (WDFW map records; K. Buchanan, Fish Biologist, WDFW, Olympia, Washington. July 26, 2004. Pers. Comm.). During a 1999 snorkel survey along the Seward Park shoreline, the presence of adult sockeye carcasses at various locations on the Seward Park shoreline throughout October, November, and December indicated that beach spawning was occurring (City of Seattle 2001). Therefore, this project area meets the 0.8 FFM criterion of being an “aquatic site that is known to support documented spawning of at least one salmonid species”, and is assigned an FFM of 0.8.

Magnuson 1 and 2 (Section 6.6.2)

The Magnuson Park shoreline is likely used by juvenile Chinook from the North Lake Washington tributaries and the Sammamish/Issaquah Creek system as they migrate toward the Ship Canal. The shoreline segments with shallow water and cover are used by the juvenile Chinook for rearing, foraging, and refugia. North Lake Washington Chinook juveniles have bimodal migration timing, with some 0+ juveniles migrating out of their natal streams toward the lake as newly emerged fry (35–40 millimeter [mm] fork length) in early spring and others as smolts (85–95 mm fork length) in late May–June (Seiler et al. 2003). The early fry may use the Magnuson Park shoreline and other nearshore areas in Lake Washington for rearing, foraging, and migration. The larger Chinook juveniles reside in waters between 3 and 18 feet deep during the day, primarily over sand-gravel substrates. These larger juveniles will use the shoreline features for fish cover on an infrequent basis (King County 2005). Fish distribution data collected by (Fresh, NOAA Fisheries, NWFSC, unpublished data) are presented in Appendix D. These data indicate low densities of wild Chinook fry and other juvenile salmonids along the Magnuson Park shoreline during the early and late spring. Because the densities of juvenile migration or rearing areas for juvenile Chinook are thought to occur, but fish density or temporal distribution of fish is likely lower are relatively compared to that of other sites in the south lake, the Magnuson Project 1 and 2 scores a “Moderate” FFM score of 0.6 in terms of the juvenile rearing criterion (Table 4-1).

Historical records document sockeye spawning along the Magnuson Park nearshore at Sand Point, to the north of Magnuson Projects 1 and 2 (WDFW map records; K. Buchanan, Fish Biologist, WDFW, Olympia, Washington. July 26, 2004. pers. comm.). Sockeye fry originating from adults spawning on the Magnuson Park shoreline may use the littoral zone of Magnuson Park for very early rearing. Since sockeye spawning has not been documented in either specific project area, both projects score a “Moderate” FFM score of 0.6, in terms of the spawning criterion.

Taylor Creek (Section 6.8.5)

The proposed channel will be more complex, much less confined, and will attenuate sediment transport to the delta relative to the existing condition. This proposed condition will benefit multiple fish uses (Table 6-10). Fish passage into the stream would improve with a reduction in delta accretion processes. Coho and sockeye will have suitable spawning habitat in the riffle habitat and rearing habitat in the pools and margins. Pools associated with large, woody debris (LWD) will be particularly beneficial for coho and sockeye rearing. Chinook and sockeye fry will benefit from rearing and feeding in the delta, shoreline fringe, and the vegetated margins of the creek. Because the site is a migratory and rearing area of considerable importance for juvenile Chinook salmon, and coho and sockeye spawning occurs in the project area, the mitigation areas have an FFM score of 0.8.

South Lake WA Shoreline Restoration (Section 6.9.2)

The project area is most heavily used by Chinook fry that migrate through the site from the Cedar River toward the Ship Canal. The Chinook fry primarily use the portions of shoreline that contain naturally-sloped beach, though this shoreline is degraded from the presence of riprap and lack of native vegetation. High levels of Chinook fry/smolt use have been documented on the site (Tabor et al. 2004a; Tabor et al. 2006). Sockeye fry are known to use the shallow littoral zone in South Lake Washington, especially during the early stages of rearing. Because this site is located adjacent to the mouth of the Cedar River, it is likely that sockeye fry are present in the project area during early rearing. Given the high use by Chinook juveniles in this area, South Lake WA Shoreline Restoration project fits the “high” FFM definition of “aquatic sites that serve as migration or rearing areas of considerable importance for one or more species of juvenile salmon”. Therefore, this project has an FFM score of 0.8.

Cedar River/ Elliott Reach (Section 6.10.2)

This reach provides spawning habitat for all focal species: Chinook, sockeye, coho, and steelhead (WDFW and WWTIT 1994). Sockeye spawning is particularly heavy along the left (south) bank, upstream of the levee. This reach also functions as juvenile and adult migratory habitat for the four species listed above. Although side- and off-channel habitat does not currently exist in the project area because of past development, adjacent side- and off-channel habitat occurs naturally and is likely used by all four species. Given the known spawning and potential high use of the project area for rearing by Chinook, coho, and steelhead juveniles, The Elliott Reach of the Cedar River fits the “high” FFM definition of “aquatic sites that serve as migration or rearing areas of considerable importance for one or more species of juvenile salmon”. Therefore, this project area has an FFM score of 0.8.

Bear Creek (Section 6.11.2)

Bear Creek is a major producer of salmon in WRIA 8. Chinook, coho, and sockeye all spawn in Bear Creek upstream of the mitigation area. In the mitigation area, Bear Creek is used by salmonids as a migration and rearing corridor, but not for spawning. Given the high use of the project area for rearing by Chinook, and coho juveniles, Bear Creek fits the “high” FFM definition of “aquatic sites that serve as migration or rearing areas of considerable importance for one or more species of juvenile salmon”. Therefore, Bear Creek has an FFM score of 0.8.

East Approach (Section 6.12.2)

The site has been identified in the past as a sockeye spawning area based on historical WDFW map records (Kurt Buchanan, Biologist, WDFW, Olympia, WA, July 26, 2004, pers. comm.). This sockeye spawning area is one of more than 85 shoreline spawning areas identified in Lake Washington on maps provided by WDFW (Kurt Buchanan, Biologist, WDFW, Olympia, WA, July 26, 2004, pers. comm.). Therefore, this project area meets the 0.8 FFM criterion of being an

“aquatic site that is known to support documented spawning of at least one salmonid species”,
and is assigned an FFM of 0.8.

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Table E-2. Potential Value of Compensatory Mitigation Sites to Offset Temporary Impacts.

	Mitigation Action	Acreeage	Fish Function Modifier	Fish Function Modified Acreeage	Mitigation Type Modifier	Mitigation Type Modified Acreeage	Duration (Years) ^a	Proportion of Full Function ^b	Mitigation Credit (Acre-Year)
Seward 1	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	0.39	0.80	0.31	1.0	0.31	1	0.8	0.25
						0.31	17	1.0	5.30
	Riparian Restoration	0.40	0.80	0.32	0.2	0.06	5	0.1	0.03
						0.06	5	0.5	0.16
						0.06	8	1.0	0.51
							Subtotal	6.26	
Seward 2	Spawning Gravel Supplementation	0.06	0.80	0.05	1.0	0.05	1	0.8	0.04
						0.05	17	1.0	0.82
								Subtotal	0.85
Seward 3	Shoreline Enhancement	0.18	0.60	0.11	1.0	0.11	1	0.8	0.09
						0.11	17	1.0	1.84
	Riparian Restoration	0.23	0.60	0.14	0.2	0.03	5	0.1	0.01
						0.03	5	0.5	0.07
						0.03	8	1.0	0.22
							Subtotal	2.23	
Seward 4	Spawning Gravel Supplementation	1.36	0.80	1.09	1.0	1.09	1	0.8	0.87
						1.09	17	1.0	18.50
								Subtotal	19.37
Magnuson 1	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	0.13	0.60	0.08	1.0	0.08	1	0.8	0.06
						0.08	17	1.0	1.33
	Riparian Restoration	0.37	0.60	0.22	0.2	0.04	5	0.1	0.02
						0.04	5	0.5	0.11
						0.04	8	1.0	0.36
							Subtotal	1.88	
Magnuson 2	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	0.14	0.60	0.08	1.0	0.08	1	0.8	0.07
						0.08	17	1.0	1.43
	Stream Creation	0.04	0.60	0.02	1.0	0.02	1	0.8	0.02
						0.02	17	1	0.41
	Riparian Restoration	0.73	0.6	0.438	0.2	0.09	5	0.1	0.04
						0.09	5	0.5	0.22
					0.09	8	1	0.70	
							Subtotal	2.89	
Taylor Creek	Channel Restoration	0.15	0.8	0.12	1.0	0.12	1	0.8	0.10
						0.12	17	1.0	2.04
	Delta Re-sloping	0.08	0.8	0.06	0.4	0.03	1	0.8	0.02
						0.03	17	1.0	0.44
	Riparian + Floodplain Restoration	0.74	0.8	0.59	0.4	0.24	5	0.1	0.12
					0.24	5	0.5	0.59	

	Mitigation Action	Acreage	Fish Function Modifier	Fish Function Modified Acreage	Mitigation Type Modifier	Mitigation Type Modified Acreage	Duration (Years) ^a	Proportion of Full Function ^b	Mitigation Credit (Acre-Year)
						0.24	8	1.0	1.89
								Subtotal	5.20
South Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration (DNR Parcel)	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	1.74	0.8	1.39	1	1.39	1	0.8	1.11
						1.39	17	1.0	23.66
	Riparian Restoration	1.92	0.8	1.54	0.2	0.31	5	0.1	0.15
						0.31	5	0.5	0.77
						0.31	8	1.0	2.46
	Riparian Restoration- Shrubs	0.59	0.8	0.47	0.1	0.05	5	0.1	0.02
0.05						5	0.5	0.12	
								Subtotal	28.68
Cedar River/ Elliott Bridge	River Margin and Aquatic Off-channel Creation	0.7	0.8	0.56	1	0.56	1	0.8	0.45
						0.56	17	1.0	9.52
	Riparian + Floodplain Restoration	3.47	0.8	2.78	0.4	1.1	5	0.1	0.56
						1.1	5	0.5	2.78
								Subtotal	22.18
Bear Creek	Stream Enhancement	3.16	0.8	2.53	1	2.53	1	0.8	2.02
						2.53	17	1.0	42.98
	Riparian Restoration	12.62	0.8	10.10	0.2	2.02	5	0.1	1.01
						2.02	5	0.5	5.05
								Subtotal	67.21
East Approach Gravel Supplementation	Spawning Gravel Supplementation + Shoreline Enhancement + hard Structure Removal	0.83	0.8	0.664	1	0.66	1	0.8	0.53
						0.66	17	1.0	11.29
	Riparian Restoration	0.05	0.8	0.040	0.2	0.01	5	0.1	0.00
						0.01	5	0.5	0.02
								Subtotal	11.91
Total Potential Permanent Mitigation									168.64

^a The Duration refers to the period of time that an area is providing ecological function. For mitigation accounting purposes, the only the first 18 years of habitat function are counted. Multiple rows of duration periods may occur for a given mitigation action in order to make distinctions in expected ecological function (1-100%) over time.

^b The Proportion of Full Function refers to the percent of ecological function (0- 100%) that is assigned to a given duration period. Percent function was converted to proportions.

Table E-3. Potential Value of Compensatory Mitigation Sites to Offset Permanent Impacts.

	Mitigation Action	Acreeage	Fish Function Modifier	Fish Function Modified Acreeage	Mitigation Type Modifier	Mitigation Credit (acres)
Seward 1	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	0.39	0.8	0.3	1.00	0.31
	Riparian Restoration	0.40	0.8	0.3	0.20	0.06
					Subtotal	0.38
Seward 2	Spawning Gravel Supplementation	0.06	0.8	0.05	1.00	0.05
					Subtotal	0.05
Seward 3	Shoreline Enhancement	0.18	0.6	0.11	1.00	0.11
	Riparian Restoration	0.23	0.6	0.14	0.20	0.03
					Subtotal	0.14
Seward 4	Spawning Gravel Supplementation	1.36	0.8	1.1	1.00	1.09
					Subtotal	1.09
Magnuson 1	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	0.13	0.6	0.08	1.00	0.08
	Riparian Restoration	0.37	0.6	0.22	0.20	0.04
					Subtotal	0.12
Magnuson 2	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	0.14	0.6	0.08	1.00	0.08
	Stream Channel	0.04	0.6	0.02	1.00	0.02
	Riparian Restoration	0.73	0.6	0.44	0.20	0.09
					Subtotal	0.20
Taylor Creek	Channel Restoration	0.15	0.8	0.12	1.0	0.12
	Delta Re-Sloping	0.08	0.8	0.06	0.40	0.03
	Riparian + Floodplain Restoration	0.74	0.8	0.59	0.40	0.24
					Total	0.38
South Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration (DNR Parcel)	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	1.74	0.8	1.39	1.00	1.39
	Riparian Restoration	1.92	0.8	1.54	0.20	0.31
	Riparian Restoration- Shrubs	0.59	0.8	0.47	0.10	0.05
	Remove 3 Dolphins (7 creosote piles per dolphin)	0	0.8	0.00	1.0	0.00
					Total	1.75
Cedar River/ Elliott Bridge	River Margin and Aquatic Off-channel Creation	0.7	0.8	0.56	1.0	0.56
	Riparian + Floodplain Restoration	3.47	0.8	2.78	0.40	1.11
					Subtotal	1.67
Bear Creek	Stream Enhancement	3.16	0.8	2.53	1.00	2.5
	Riparian Restoration	12.62	0.8	10.10	0.20	2.0
					Subtotal	4.55
East Approach Gravel Supplementation	Spawning Gravel Supplementation	0.75	0.8	0.60	1	0.60
	Shoreline Enhancement + Hard Structure Removal	0.08	0.8	0.06	0.2	0.01
	Riparian Restoration	0.05	0.8	0.05	0.2	0.01
					Subtotal	0.60
Total Potential Permanent Mitigation						10.91

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Appendix F
Agency Comment/Page Revision Index

SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program

I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project

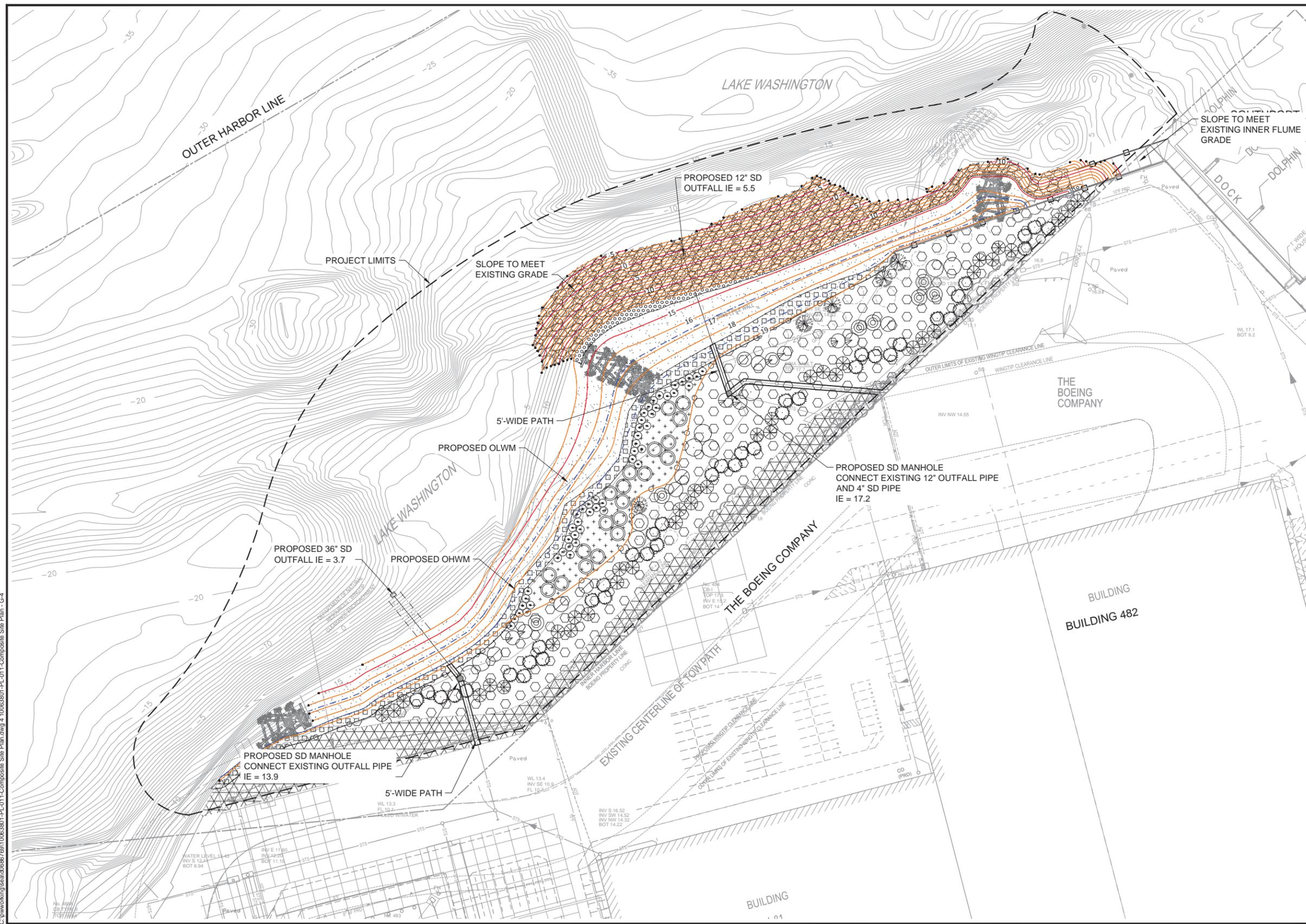


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Comment No.	Comment Reference	Document and Page Reference	Line No. (if applicable)	Comment	Response	Errata Replacement Sheet(s)
2	Corps	FWMR - 11	Fig. 2	Thank you for adding the project delivery schedule by design phase. This partially fulfills comment #4 in the previous comment letter dated September 13, 2011. Please add what the wetland and aquatic impacts will be per design phase.	The impacts by project delivery schedule detailed in Figure 2 will be incorporated into Table 1 of the Final Wetland Mitigation Report with clarifying language added to correlate the impacts to the project delivery phase. An analogous table will replace the existing Table 6-16 in the Final Aquatic Mitigation Plan.	FAMP - 220
4	Corps	FWMR - 74	Table 10	The wetland mitigation site construction schedule does not match the construction schedule presented in the final aquatic mitigation report for the Elliot Bridge Reach site (page 219, Table 6-15). Please revise	The table will be revised for consistency with the FAMP.	FAMP - 219
16	Corps	FAMP-16	23-24	This is the first mention of temporary drilled shafts/columns. Will the columns be steel piles of cast-in-place concrete? If the temporary shafts/columns are cast-in-place concrete, this would be regulated by the Corps and the impacts and permit drawings would need to be updated. This description of how the work bridges would be constructed is inconsistent with Section 2.3.5 Work Bridges presented in the JARPA Attachment E Project Description SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project dated December 2011.	The temporary drilled shafts, which are described on page 2-73 of JARPA Attachment E, will be cast-in-place concrete. The permit drawings and impact numbers will be updated to reflect the extent of the temporary benthic fill. Please note that this construction activity is not associated with the work bridges, and would be done consistently with the description of drilled shaft construction found in Section 2.3.8 of JARPA Attachment E. The short-term temporary shade associated with the deck widening will also be disclosed and accounted for in the impacts. Impact numbers and discussion updated accordingly through report.	FAMP - ES-4 FAMP - 16 FAMP - 90 FAMP - 95; Table 4-2 FAMP - 96/97; Table 4-3 FAMP - 98 FAMP - 225; Table 6-19
17	Corps	FAMP - 27	2nd par.	The text states that Pier #1 will be constructed within a cofferdam. No temporary impacts are shown on the permit drawings or specifically called out in the text. Please confirm there will be no temporary impacts beyond the permanent impact footprint for Pier #1 construction.	Pier 1 will be constructed in a cofferdam which will result in impacts to the benthic habitat. The permit drawings and the text will be updated to detail the extent of benthic fill. Because this represents a discrepancy with how impacts are categorized in the Final Aquatic Mitigation Plan, the footing in the the impact tables 4-2 and 4-3 will need to be footnoted appropriately.	FAMP - 95; Table 4-2 FAMP - 96/97; Table 4-3
19	Corps	FAMP - 236	Last par.	The Elliott Bridge Reach site also will have wetland vegetation performance standards that will apply. Please add that to the 3rd sentence.	The performance standards of the Elliot Bridge Reach site will incorporate by reference the wetland performance standards outlined in the FWMP for the site (Section 6.1.3).	FAMP - 236-237

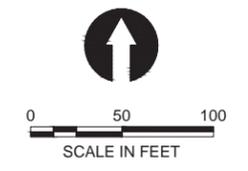
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South Lake Washington Shoreline Restoration, 95% Design Submittal

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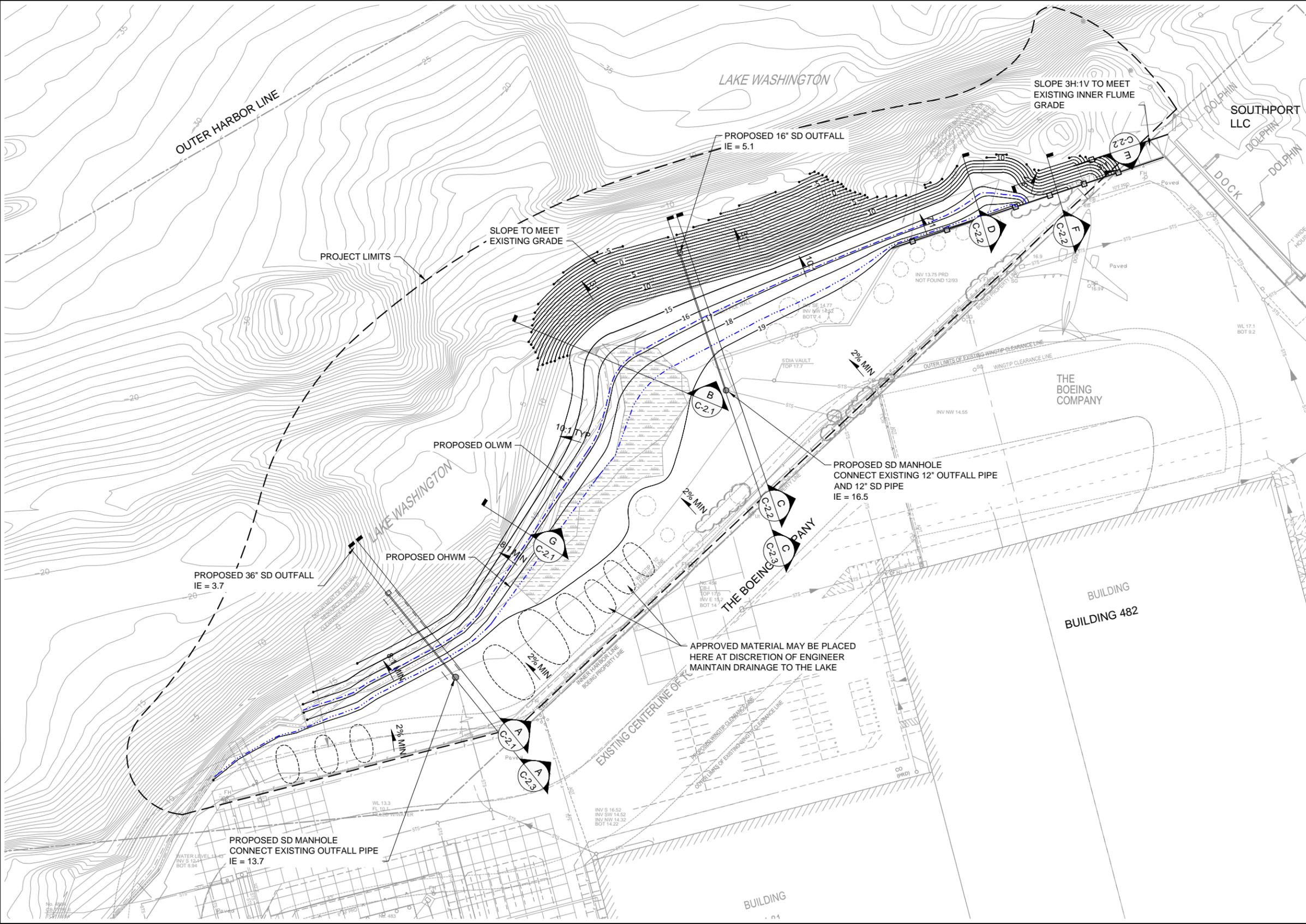
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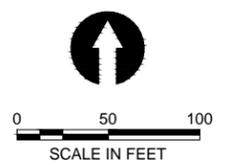
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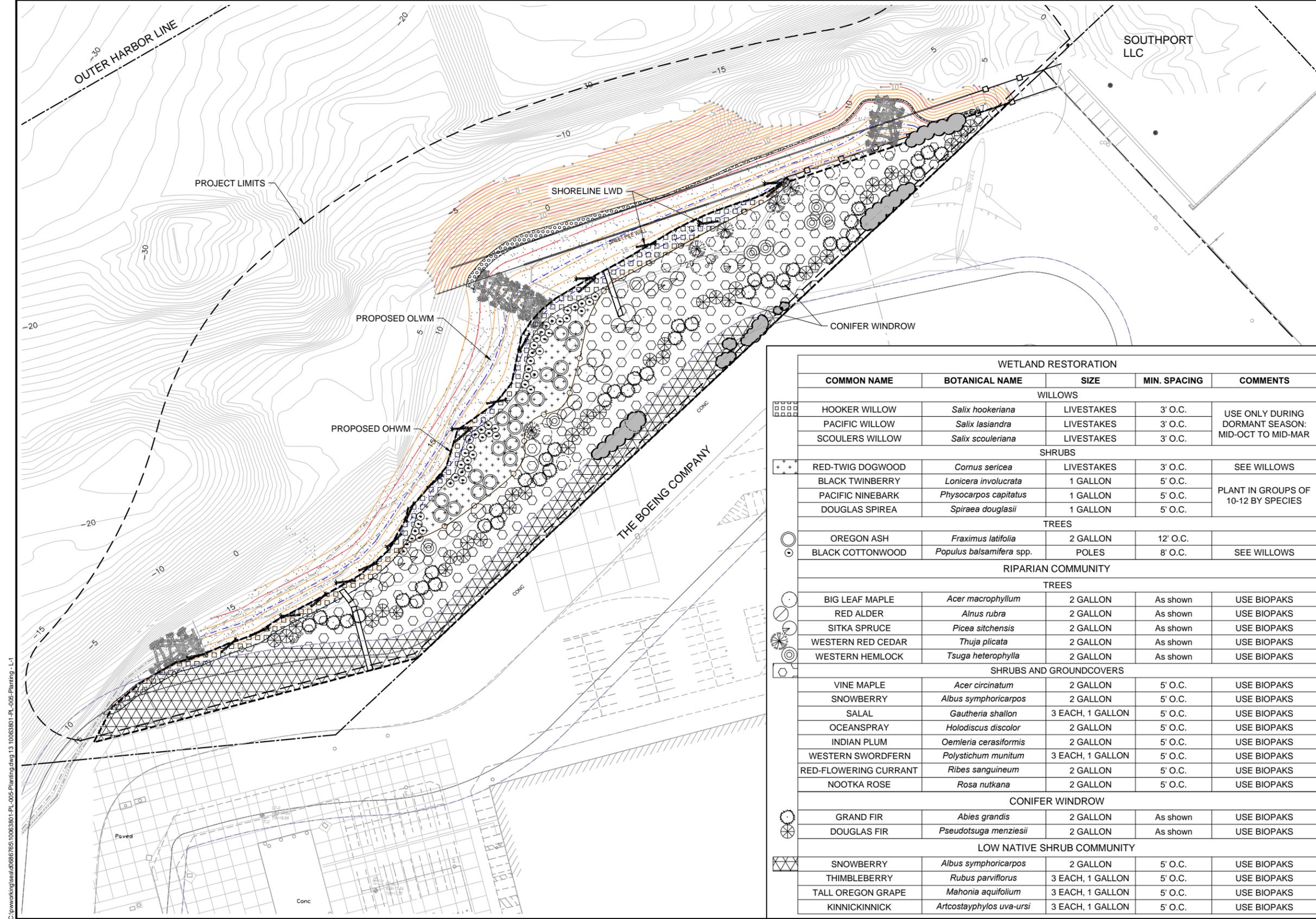
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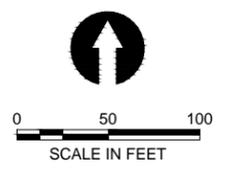
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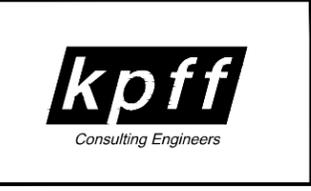
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WETLAND RESTORATION				
COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	SIZE	MIN. SPACING	COMMENTS
WILLOWS				
HOOKER WILLOW	<i>Salix hookeriana</i>	LIVESTAKES	3' O.C.	USE ONLY DURING DORMANT SEASON: MID-OCT TO MID-MAR
PACIFIC WILLOW	<i>Salix lasiandra</i>	LIVESTAKES	3' O.C.	
SCOULEERS WILLOW	<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	LIVESTAKES	3' O.C.	
SHRUBS				
RED-TWIG DOGWOOD	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	LIVESTAKES	3' O.C.	SEE WILLOWS
BLACK TWINBERRY	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	1 GALLON	5' O.C.	PLANT IN GROUPS OF 10-12 BY SPECIES
PACIFIC NINEBARK	<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	1 GALLON	5' O.C.	
DOUGLAS SPIREA	<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	1 GALLON	5' O.C.	
TREES				
OREGON ASH	<i>Fraxinus latifolia</i>	2 GALLON	12' O.C.	
BLACK COTTONWOOD	<i>Populus balsamifera</i> spp.	POLES	8' O.C.	SEE WILLOWS
RIPARIAN COMMUNITY				
TREES				
BIG LEAF MAPLE	<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	2 GALLON	As shown	USE BIOPAKS
RED ALDER	<i>Alnus rubra</i>	2 GALLON	As shown	USE BIOPAKS
SITKA SPRUCE	<i>Picea sitchensis</i>	2 GALLON	As shown	USE BIOPAKS
WESTERN RED CEDAR	<i>Thuja plicata</i>	2 GALLON	As shown	USE BIOPAKS
WESTERN HEMLOCK	<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i>	2 GALLON	As shown	USE BIOPAKS
SHRUBS AND GROUNDCOVERS				
VINE MAPLE	<i>Acer circinatum</i>	2 GALLON	5' O.C.	USE BIOPAKS
SNOWBERRY	<i>Albus symphoricarpos</i>	2 GALLON	5' O.C.	USE BIOPAKS
SALAL	<i>Gautheria shallon</i>	3 EACH, 1 GALLON	5' O.C.	USE BIOPAKS
OCEANSPRAY	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	2 GALLON	5' O.C.	USE BIOPAKS
INDIAN PLUM	<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	2 GALLON	5' O.C.	USE BIOPAKS
WESTERN SWORDFERN	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	3 EACH, 1 GALLON	5' O.C.	USE BIOPAKS
RED-FLOWERING CURRANT	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	2 GALLON	5' O.C.	USE BIOPAKS
NOOTKA ROSE	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	2 GALLON	5' O.C.	USE BIOPAKS
CONIFER WINDROW				
GRAND FIR	<i>Abies grandis</i>	2 GALLON	As shown	USE BIOPAKS
DOUGLAS FIR	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	2 GALLON	As shown	USE BIOPAKS
LOW NATIVE SHRUB COMMUNITY				
SNOWBERRY	<i>Albus symphoricarpos</i>	2 GALLON	5' O.C.	USE BIOPAKS
THIMBLEBERRY	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	3 EACH, 1 GALLON	5' O.C.	USE BIOPAKS
TALL OREGON GRAPE	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	3 EACH, 1 GALLON	5' O.C.	USE BIOPAKS
KINNICKINNICK	<i>Artocstayphylos uva-ursi</i>	3 EACH, 1 GALLON	5' O.C.	USE BIOPAKS



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Bear Creek Rehabilitation PS&E Design Plan, 90% Design Submittal

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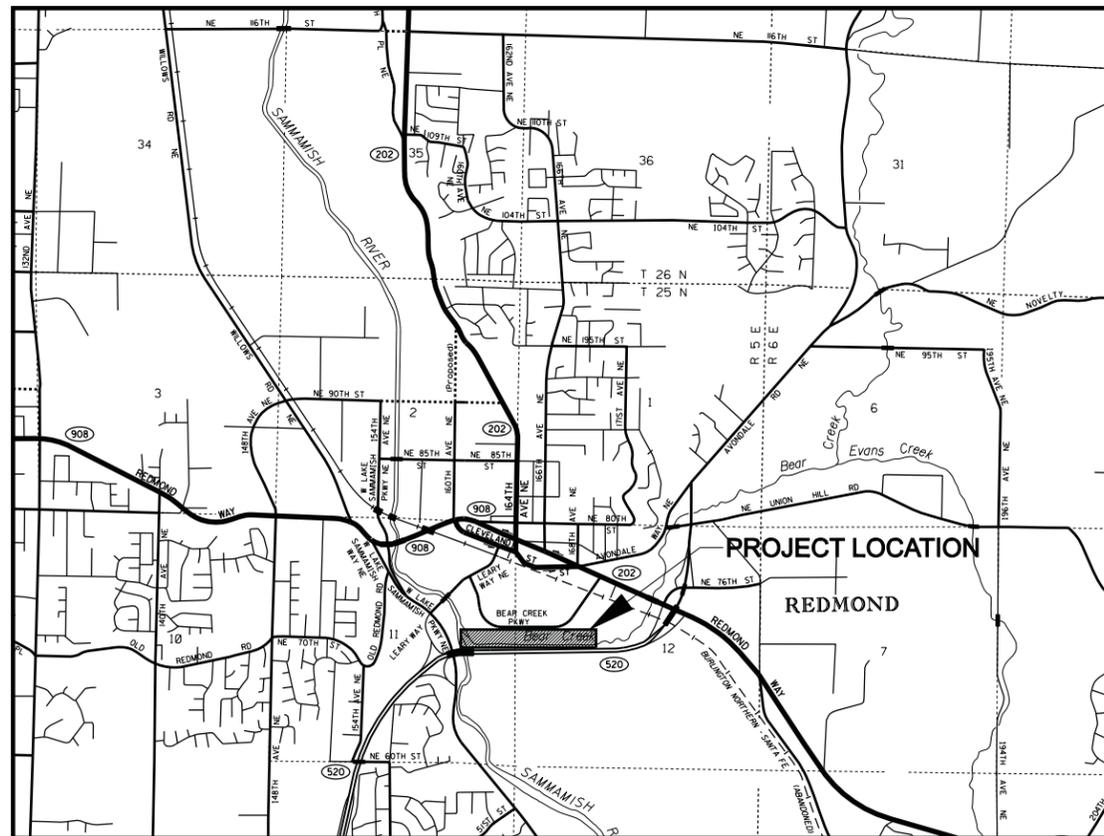
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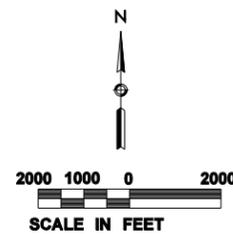
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VICINITY MAP



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SURFACE FEATURES:

EXISTING FEATURE LINETYPES	DESCRIPTION	DESIGN FEATURE LINETYPES	DESCRIPTION
	BUILDING FOOTPRINT		LIMIT OF WORK BOUNDARY
	ORDINARY HIGH WATER		HIGH VISIBILITY FENCE
	WATER COURSE FLOWLINE		SILT FENCE
	FENCE		TEMPORARY CHAIN LINK CONSTRUCTION FENCE
	GUARDRAIL		PROPOSED STREAM CENTERLINE
	WETLAND PERIMETER		CUT LINE
	RAILROAD		CONTOUR (INTERVAL)
	STORM DRAIN LINE		CONTOUR (INDEX)
	RETAINING WALL		EDGE PAVEMENT
	CURB/PAVEMENT/SIDEWALK		CLEARING LIMIT
	TRAIL EDGE		DITCH WITH DIRECTION OF FLOW
	CHANNELIZATION		
	CONTOUR (INTERVAL)		
	CONTOUR (INDEX)		
	WSDOT / CITY RIGHT OF WAY		
	WETLAND BOUNDARY		
	PROPERTY LINE		
	CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT LINE		

THE EXISTING TOPOGRAPHIC AND PHYSICAL FEATURES SHOWN ON THESE PLANS ARE BASED ON GIS MAPPING FROM THE CITY OF REDMOND, ELECTRONIC FIELD SURVEY DONE BY DEA, BASE MAPPING FROM WSDOT AND CITY OF REDMOND. THIS WAS THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PLAN PREPARATION. ACTUAL CONDITIONS MAY BE DIFFERENT, THE CONTRACTOR MAY ENCOUNTER VARIATIONS BETWEEN ACTUAL CONDITIONS AND THOSE SHOWN. THESE VARIATIONS WILL NOT BE THE BASIS FOR A CLAIM OR EXTRA COMPENSATION.

THE LOCATIONS OF EXISTING UNDERGROUND UTILITIES ARE SHOWN IN AN APPROXIMATE WAY ONLY AND HAVE NOT BEEN INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED BY THE OWNER OR DEA. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL DETERMINE THE EXACT LOCATION OF ALL EXISTING UTILITIES BEFORE COMMENCING WORK, AND AGREES TO BE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL KINDS OF DAMAGES WHICH MIGHT BE OCCASIONED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S FAILURE TO EXACTLY LOCATE AND PRESERVE ANY AND ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES.

ABBREVIATIONS

ACP	ASPHALT CONCRETE PAVEMENT	DIA	DIAMETER	NTS	NOT TO SCALE	RT	RIGHT
ASPH	ASPHALT	DIP	DUCTILE IRON PIPE	NW	NORTHWEST	S	SLOPE
ATB	ASPHALT TREATED BASE	DR	DRIVE	OC	ON CENTER	SD	STORM DRAIN
AVE	AVENUE	DW	DRIVEWAY	P.C.	POINT OF CURVE	SE	SOUTHEAST
BC	BEAR CREEK	E	EAST	PCSSP	PLAIN CONCRETE STORM SEWER PIPE	SS	SANITARY SEWER
CB	CATCH BASIN	ECC	EXTRUDED CONCRETE CURB	P.I.	POINT OF INTERSECTION	ST	STREET
CC	CONCRETE CURB	EOP	EDGE OF PAVEMENT	R	PROPERTY LINE	STA	STATION
CFS	CUBIC FEET PER SECOND	FC	FACE OF CURB	POB	POINT OF BEGINNING	STD	STANDARD
CLR	CLEARANCE	FL	FLOWLINE	POE	POINT OF ENDING	S/W	SIDEWALK
COR	CITY OF REDMOND	GRVL	GRAVEL	PP	POWER POLE	SW	SOUTHWEST
CONC	CONCRETE	GV	GAS VALVE	PRC	POINT OF REVERSE CURVE	TC	TOP OF CURB
CONST	CONSTRUCTION	LT	LEFT	P.T.	POINT OF TANGENT	TPED	TELEPHONE PEDESTAL
CPP	CORRUGATED PLASTIC PIPE	LF	LINEAR FEET	PVC	POLYVINYL CHLORIDE	TS	TRAFFIC SIGNAL
CPEP	CORRUGATED POLYETHYLENE PIPE	MH	MAN HOLE	RAD	RADIUS	UP	UTILITY POLE
CSBC	CRUSHED SURFACING BASE COURSE	N	NORTH	RCP	REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE	VLT	VAULT
CSTC	CRUSHED SURFACING TOP COURSE	NE	NORTHEAST	RDWY	ROADWAY	WV	WATER VALVE
D	DEEP	NO	NOMINAL	R/W	RIGHT-OF-WAY	W	WEST

SYMBOLS

SURFACE FEATURES

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
	MAIL BOX
	RIP RAP
	ROCK FACING
	SHRUB
	GENERAL SIGN
	TREE (Conifer)
	TREE (Deciduous)
	YARD LIGHT
	WETLAND
	SIGNIFICANT TREE TO BE REMOVED

TRAFFIC SIGNS

	SINGLE POST
	DOUBLE POST
	TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLE
	TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLE W/ LUMINAIRE
	TRAFFIC SIGNAL SUPPORT POLE

DRAINAGE

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
	SAN. SEWER CLEAN OUT
	SAN. SEWER MANHOLE
	STORM DRAIN CATCH BASIN
	STORM DRAIN CULVERT
	STORM DRAIN MANHOLE
	STORM DRAIN INLET PROTECTION

WATER

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
	WATER METER
	WATER MANHOLE
	FIRE HYDRANT

GENERAL NOTES

- ALL WORK AND MATERIALS SHALL CONFORM TO CITY OF REDMOND STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND DETAILS, 3/1/2010.
- A PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING WITH THE CONSTRUCTION DIVISION SHALL BE COMPLETED AND ALL PERMITS ISSUED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
- LOCATIONS SHOWN OF EXISTING UTILITIES ARE APPROXIMATE. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY THE CORRECT LOCATIONS TO AVOID DAMAGE OR DISTURBANCE. THE DESIGN ENGINEER SHALL REDESIGN THE PROJECT AS NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE OR ADJUST ANY CONFLICTING UTILITIES.
- ALL SURVEYING OF CLEARING LIMITS AND CONSTRUCTION STAKING SHALL BE DONE BY A LICENSED CIVIL ENGINEER OR LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR.
- ALL GROUND COVER SHALL REMAIN UNDISTURBED OUTSIDE OF CLEARING LIMITS.
- THE TEMPORARY EROSION/SEDIMENTATION CONTROLS (TESC) SHALL BE INSTALLED, INSPECTED BY THE CITY INSPECTOR, AND OPERATING BEFORE ANY GRADING OR EXTENSIVE LAND CLEARING. THESE CONTROLS SHALL BE SATISFACTORILY MAINTAINED DURING CONSTRUCTION. ADDITIONAL EROSION/SEDIMENTATION CONTROL MEASURES MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE CITY INSPECTOR.
- KEEP OFF-SITE STREETS CLEAN AT ALL TIMES. FLUSHING STREETS SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED. ALL STREETS IMPACTED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S ACTIVITIES OR MATERIAL FROM THE SITE SHALL BE SWEEPED.
- TREES TO REMAIN SHALL BE MARKED WITH FLAGGING AND FENCED 5 FEET OUTSIDE OF THE DRIP LINE WHEN ADJACENT TO AREAS TO BE CLEARED.
- TRUCK AND VEHICULAR WHEEL WASHES SHALL BE REQUIRED IF DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CITY.

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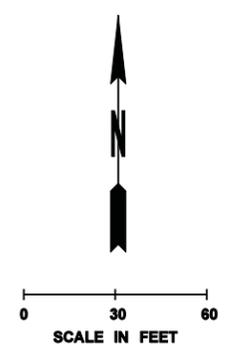
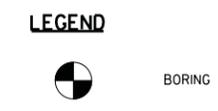
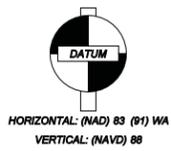
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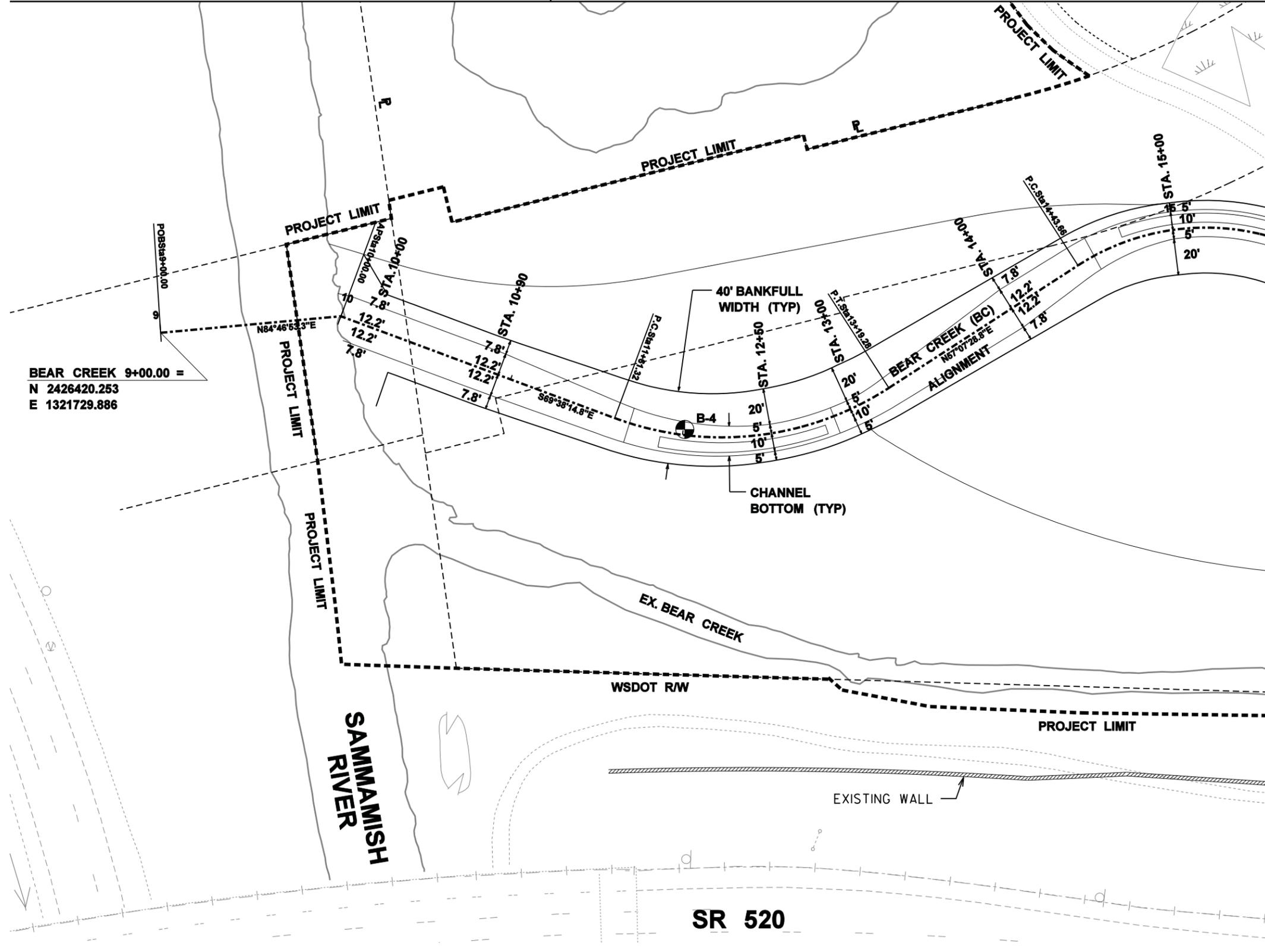
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BC 15+97.69	99°40'26.6"	130.00	164.03	226.16	-



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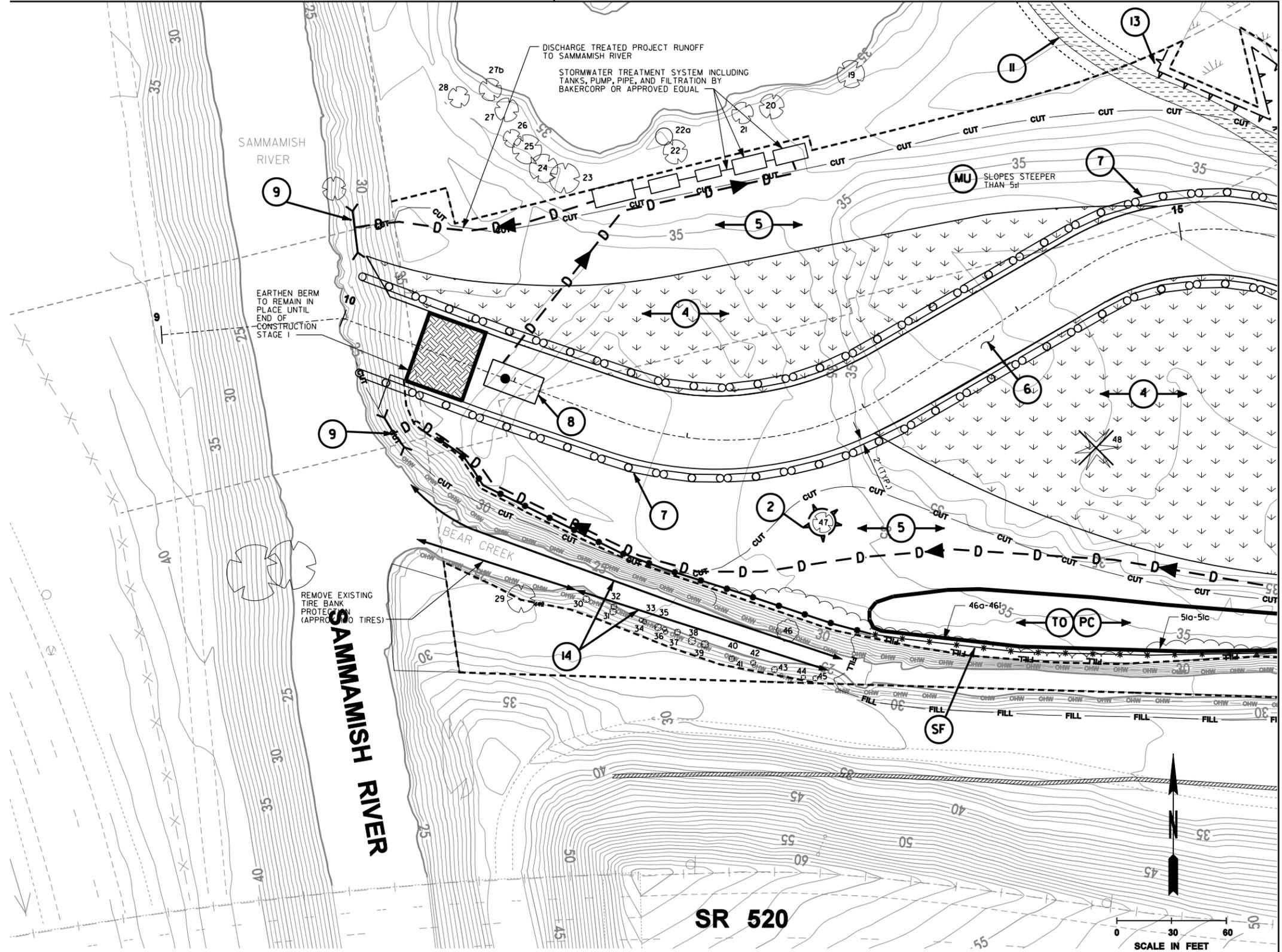
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 - CLEARING LIMITS
 - HIGH VISIBILITY FENCE (COR STANDARD PLAN I-15)
 - SILT FENCE (SEE SHEET EC8 FOR DETAIL)
 - TEMPORARY CHAIN LINK CONSTRUCTION FENCE
 - TEMPORARY DEWATERING PIPE
 - STRAW WATTLE
 - TEMPORARY SHEET PILE (SEE DETAIL SP4)

- SIGNIFICANT TREE TO BE REMOVED
- 19 TREE INVENTORY (SEE SHEET EC9)
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 14. REMOVE EXISTING RIPRAP
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 16. RELOCATE EXISTING SIGN

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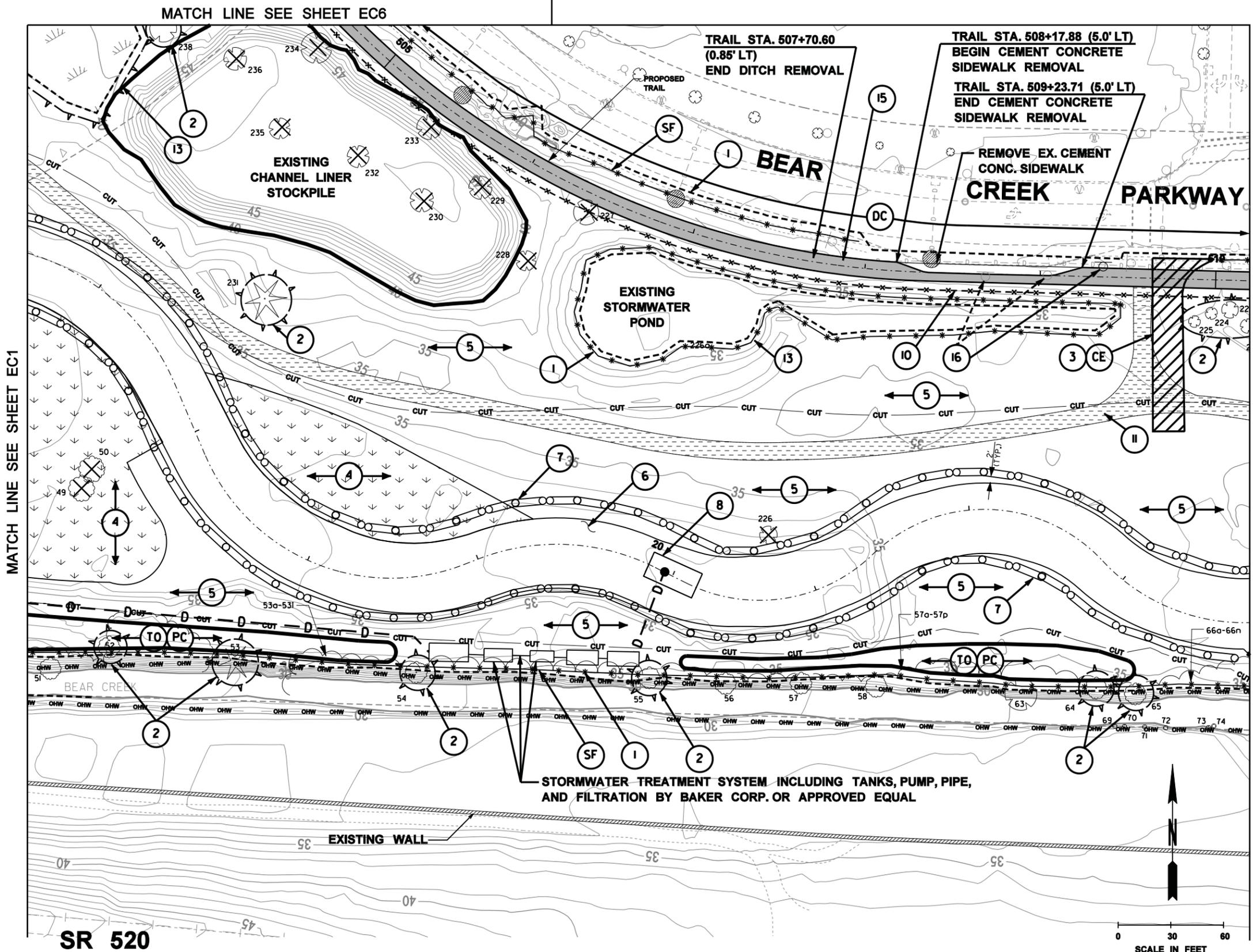
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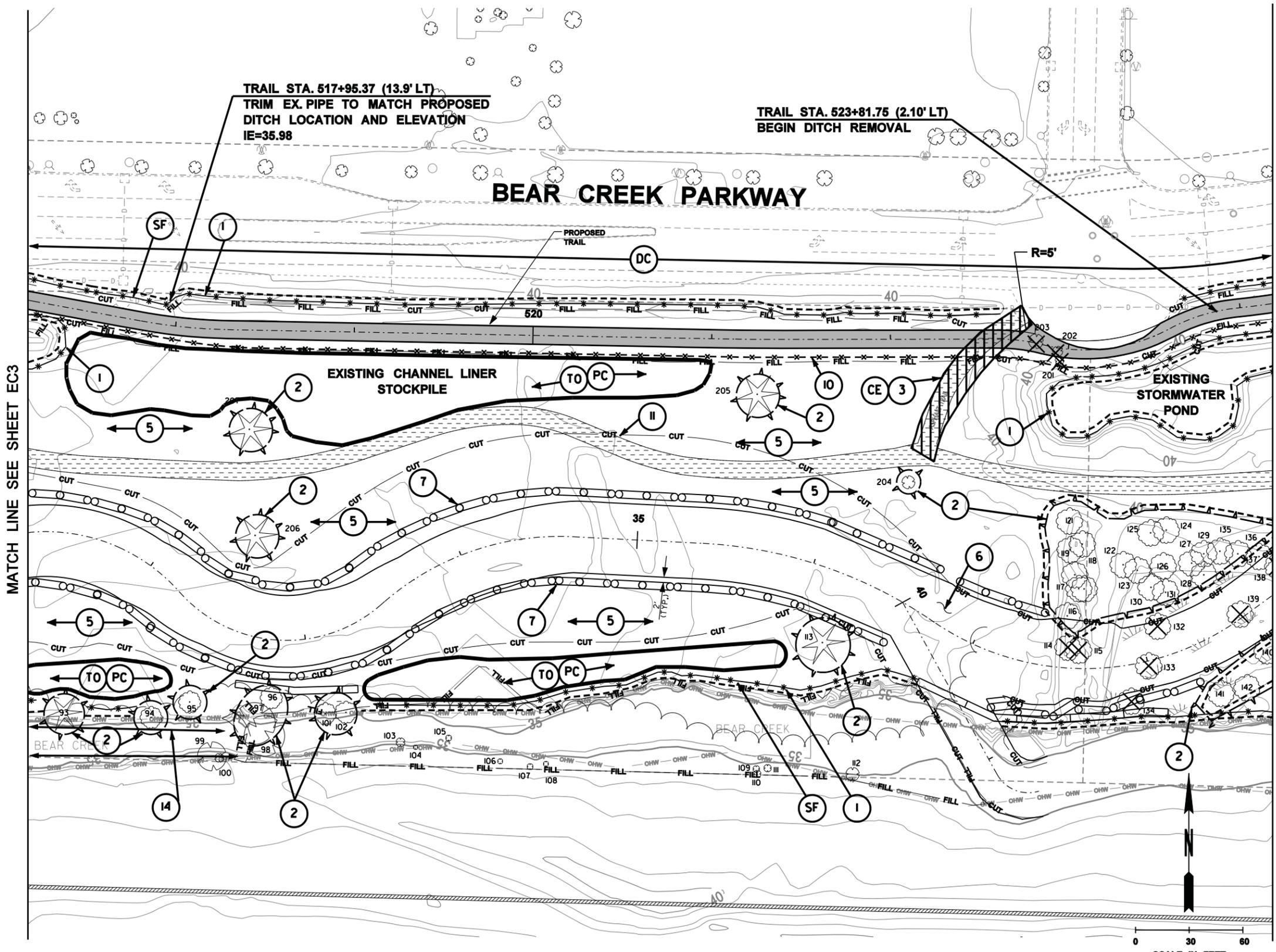
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TRAIL STA. 517+95.37 (13.9' LT)
 TRIM EX. PIPE TO MATCH PROPOSED
 DITCH LOCATION AND ELEVATION
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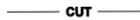
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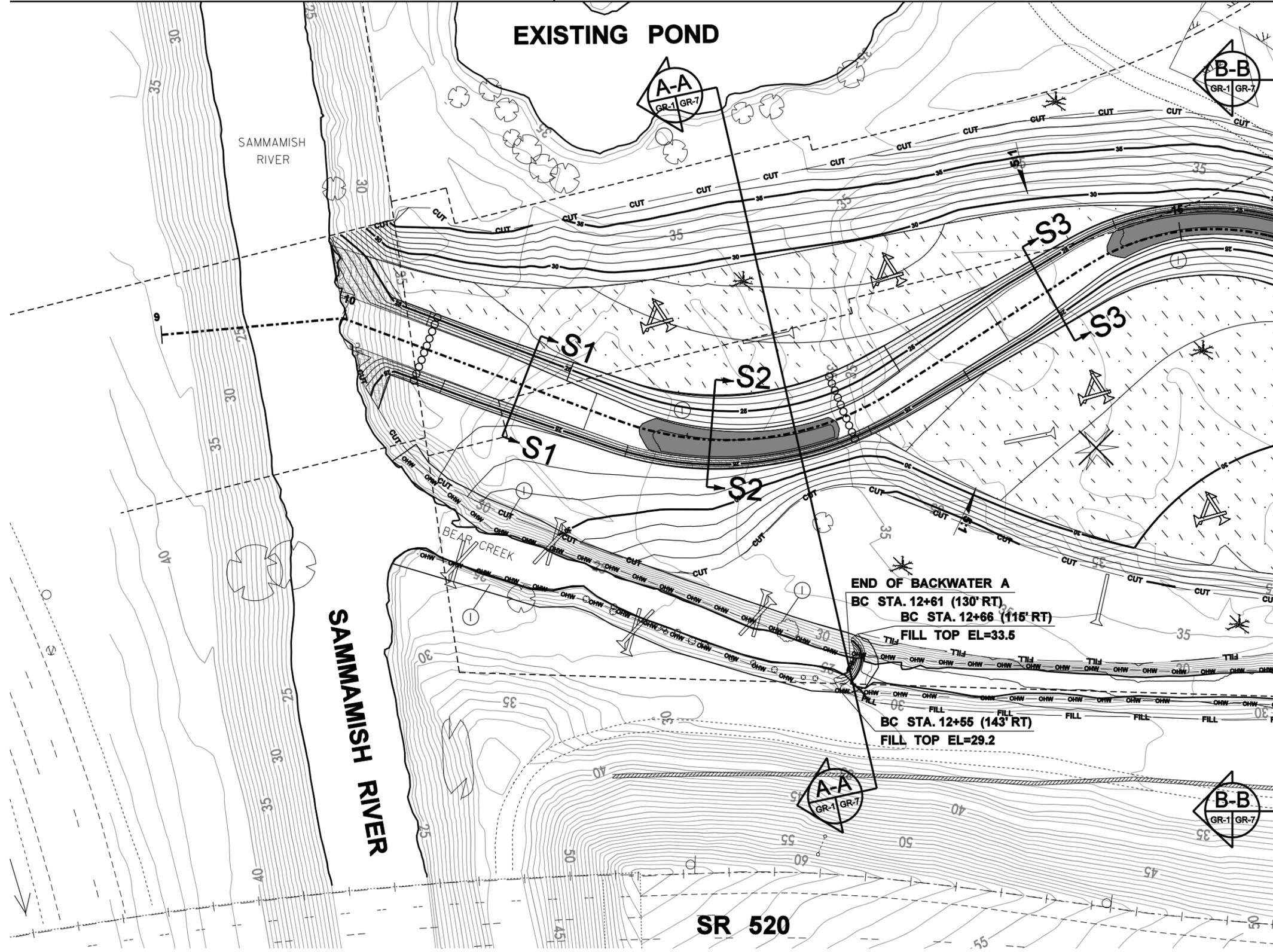
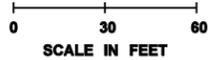
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LEGEND

-  EXISTING WALL
-  RIGHT-OF-WAY (R.O.W.)
-  EXISTING BEAR CREEK
ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK
-  CUT LINE
-  FILL LINE
-  EXISTING CONTOUR
-  PROPOSED MINOR CONTOUR
-  PROPOSED MAJOR CONTOUR
-  PROPOSED CENTER LINE
-  PROPOSED DITCH W/ DIRECTION OF FLOW
-  TREE OVERHANG
-  FLOODPLAIN LOGJAM
-  DOWN LOG
-  STANDING SNAG
-  POOL
-  SIGNIFICANT TREE TO BE REMOVED
-  BANK PROTECTION
LEVEL 1
-  BANK PROTECTION
LEVEL 2
-  BANK PROTECTION
LEVEL 3
-  LOG DEBRIS JAM
-  NEW CHANNEL BED CONTROL
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-  GRAVEL PATH
-  SELECTIVE PLACEMENT
COVER LOGS
SEE DETAIL ON SHEET GR16
-  PROPOSED TRAIL
-  CATCH BASIN, TYPE I
-  PROPOSED STORM DRAIN PIPE/
DIRECTION OF FLOW

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

-  1 ADJUST EXISTING CATCH BASIN TO GRADE
-  2 CONSTRUCT DITCH



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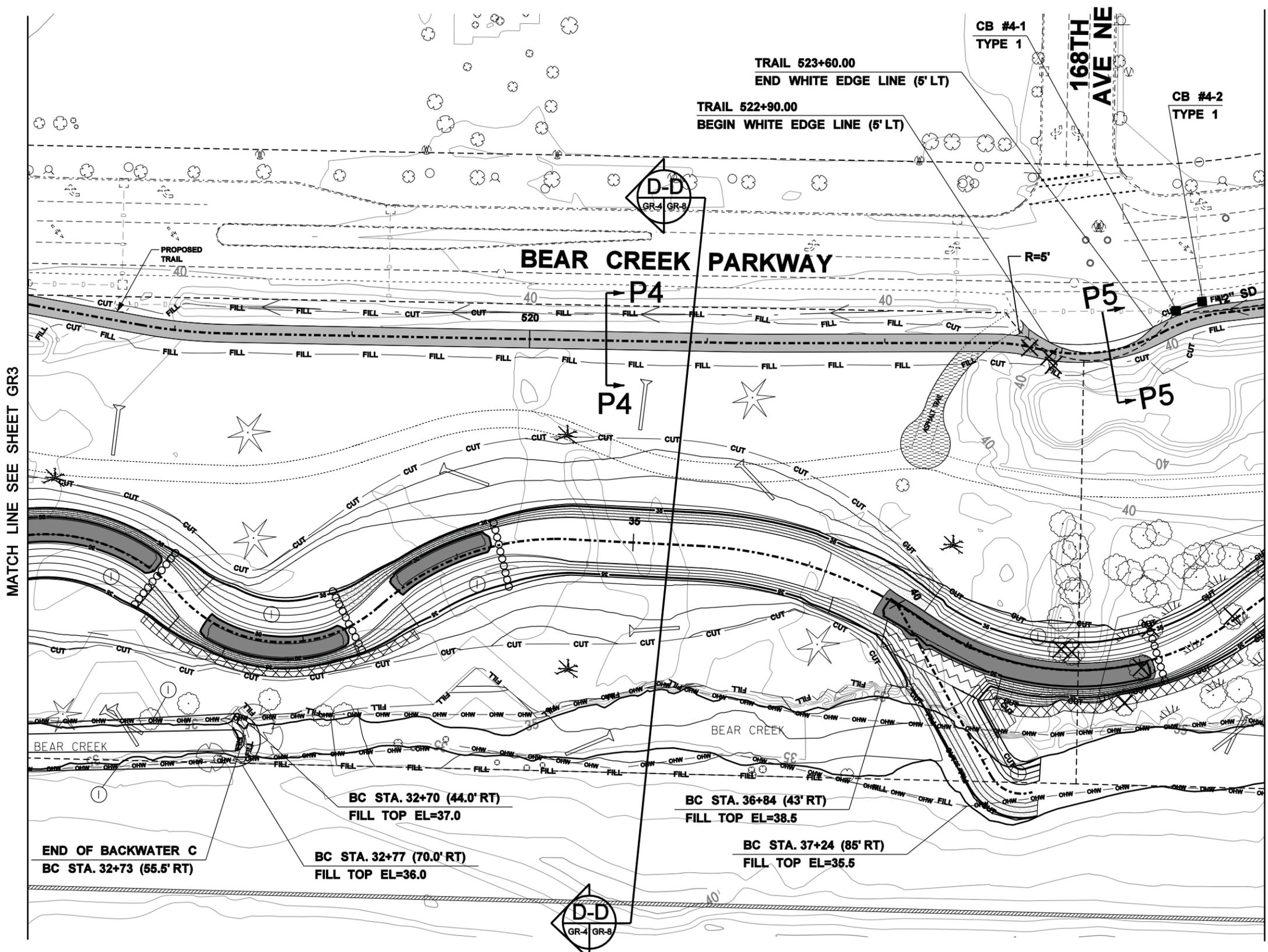


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GRADING & HABITAT PLAN	SHEET OF SHEETS

LEGEND

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 - RIGHT-OF-WAY (R.O.W.)
 - EXISTING BEAR CREEK ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK
 - CUT LINE
 - FILL LINE
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 - BANK PROTECTION LEVEL 1
 - BANK PROTECTION LEVEL 2
 - BANK PROTECTION LEVEL 3
 - LOG DEBRIS JAM
 - NEW CHANNEL BED CONTROL SEE DETAIL ON SHEET GR13
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 - SELECTIVE PLACEMENT COVER LOGS SEE DETAIL ON SHEET GR16
 - PROPOSED TRAIL
 - CATCH BASIN, TYPE 1
 - PROPOSED STORM DRAIN PIPE/ DIRECTION OF FLOW
- CONSTRUCTION NOTES**
- 1 ADJUST EXISTING CATCH BASIN TO GRADE
 - 2 CONSTRUCT DITCH
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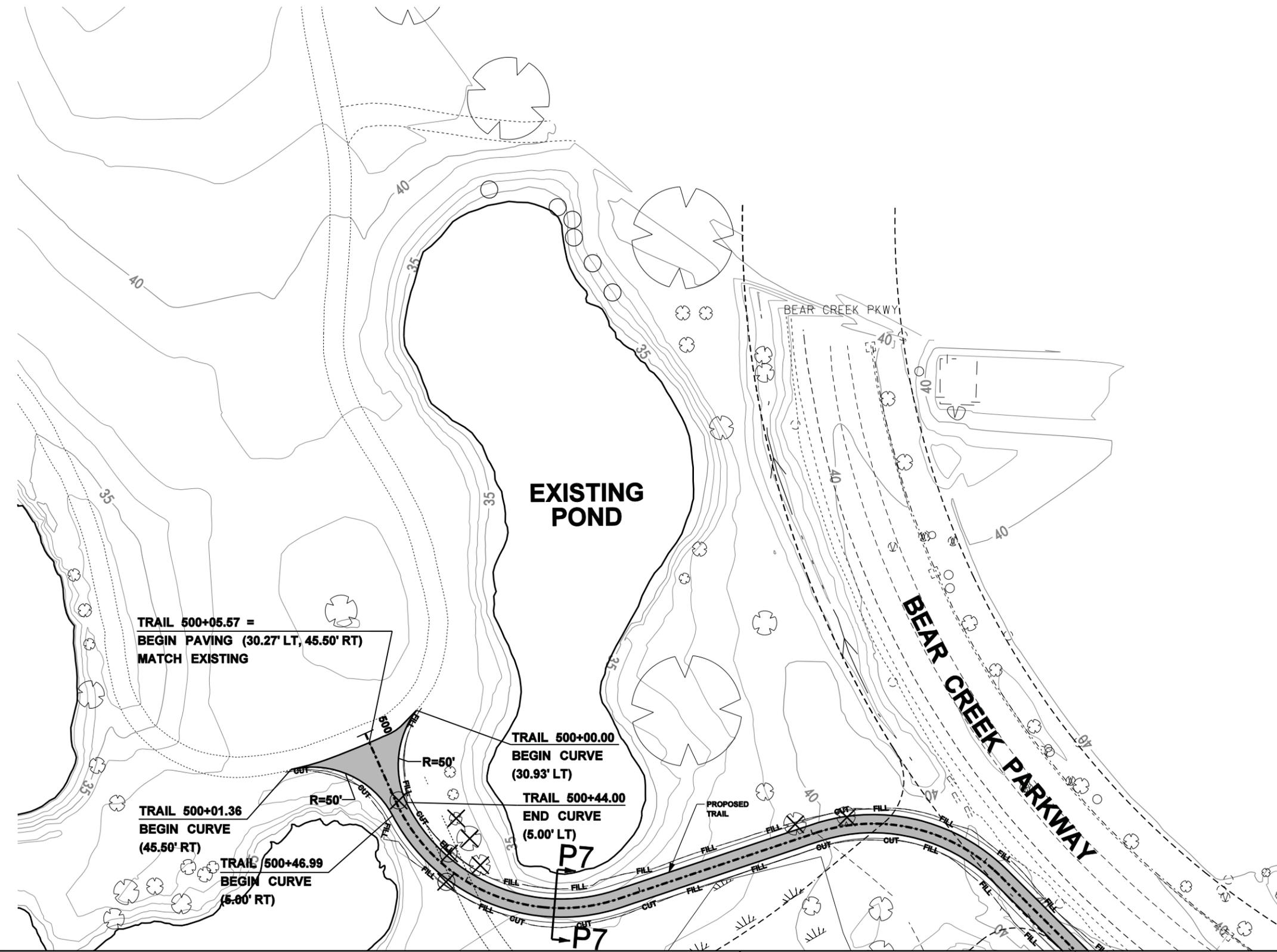
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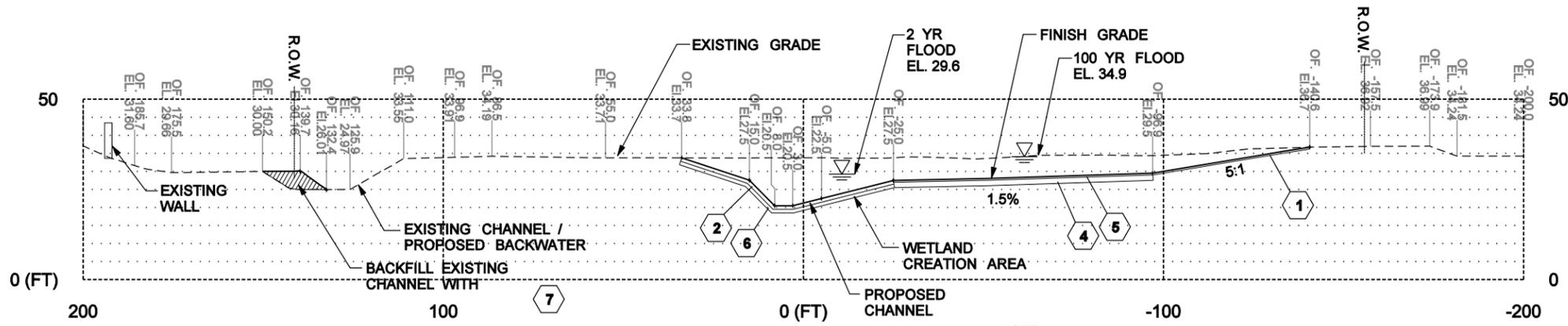
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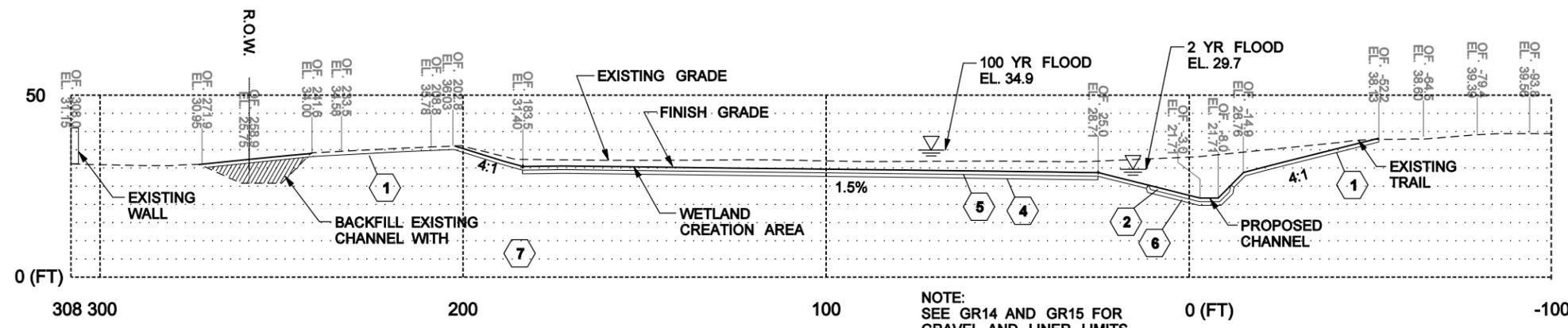
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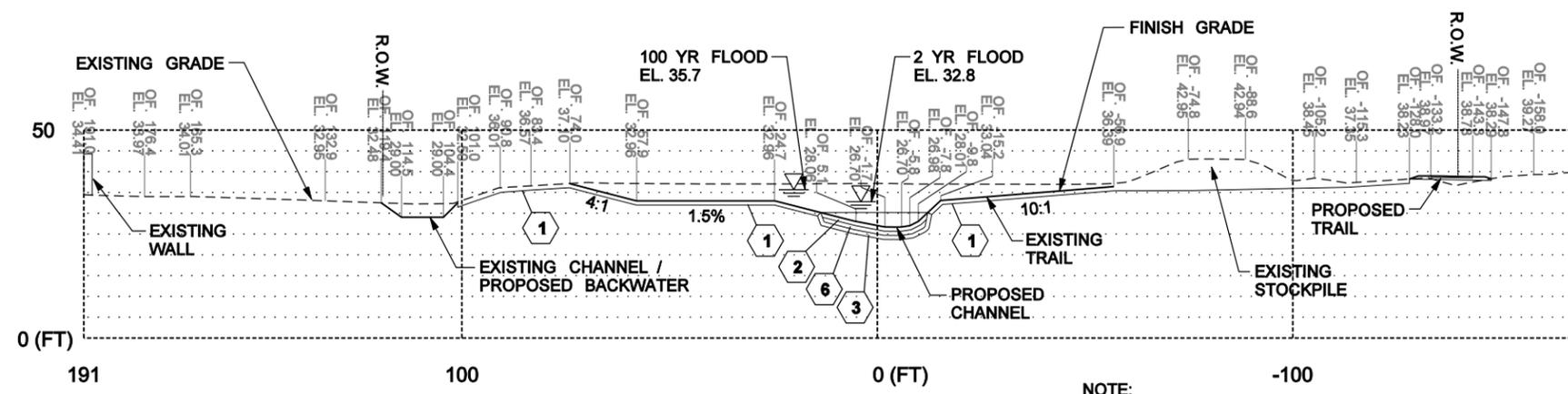
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CONSTRUCTION NOTES:

- ① 6" SOIL AMENDMENT TILLED INTO TOP 6" OF EXISTING SOIL TO FINISH GRADE.
- ② 1' STREAMBED GRAVEL. SEE STREAM SECTIONS ON GR14 AND GR15 FOR LIMITS.
- ③ 1' NATIVE SOIL LINER. SEE STREAM SECTIONS ON GR14 AND GR15 FOR LIMITS.
- ④ 1.5' NATIVE SOIL LINER IN WETLAND CREATION AREA (TYP. ALL WETLANDS).
- ⑤ 6" SOIL AMENDMENT TILLED INTO TOP 6" OF NATIVE SOIL LINER TO FINISH GRADE (TYP. ALL WETLANDS).
- ⑥ 1' STREAMBED COBBLE. SEE STREAM SECTIONS ON GR14 AND GR15 FOR LIMIT.
- ⑦ NATIVE SOIL LINER.

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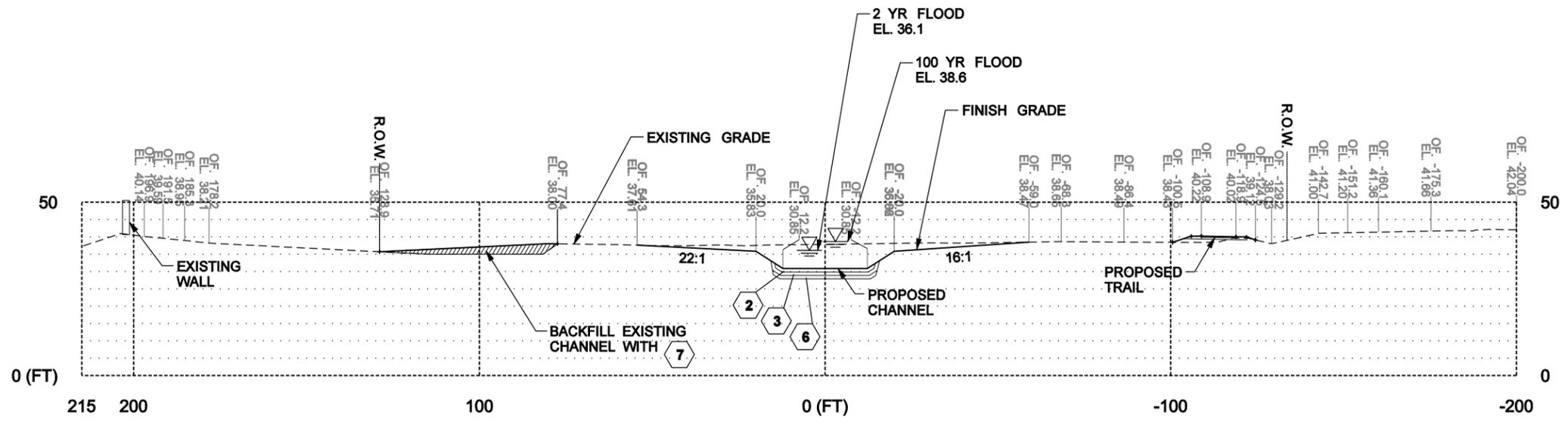
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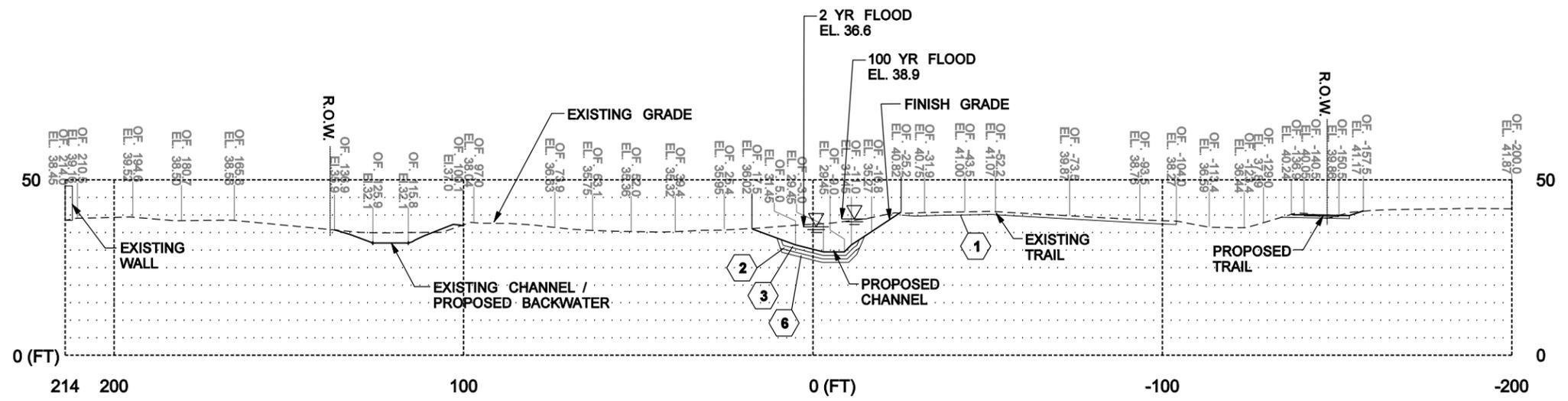
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SECTION D-D - STA. 35+20

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H: 1"=40'



SECTION E-E - STA. 39+50

SCALE = V: 1"=40'
H: 1"=40'

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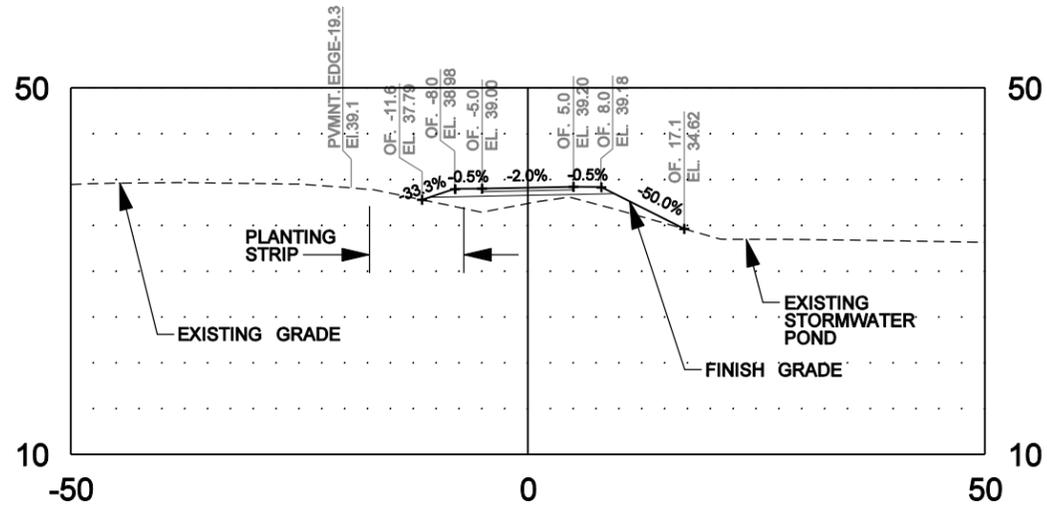
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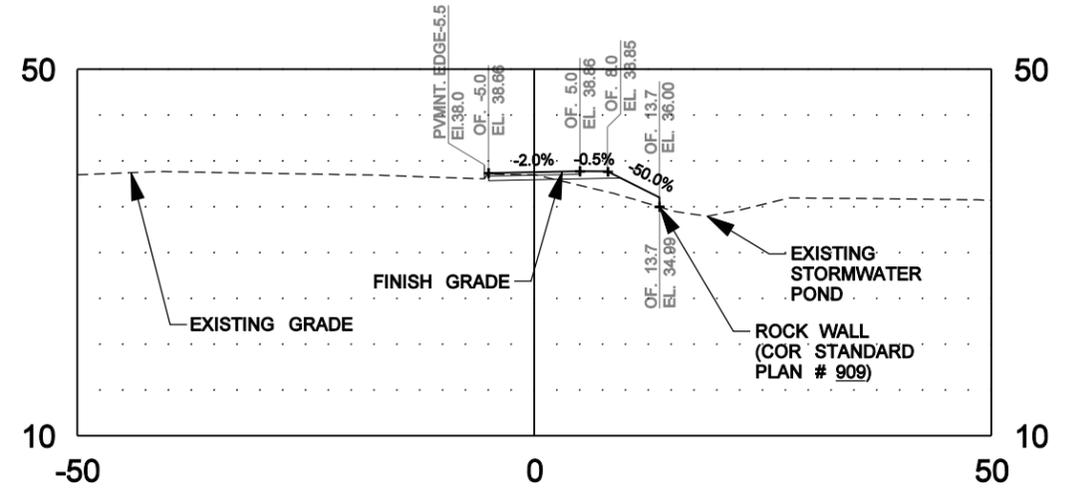
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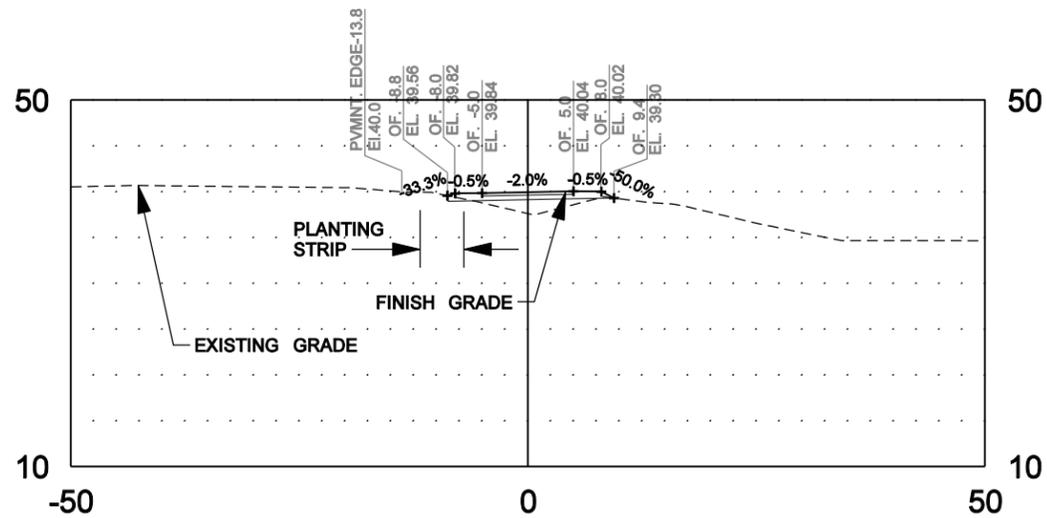
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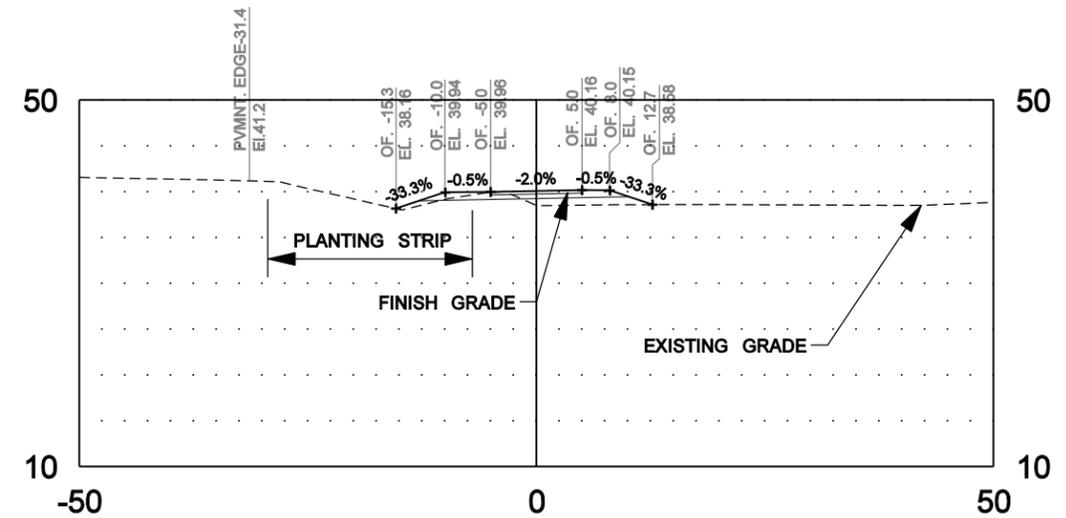
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SECTION P3-P3
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SECTION P4-P4
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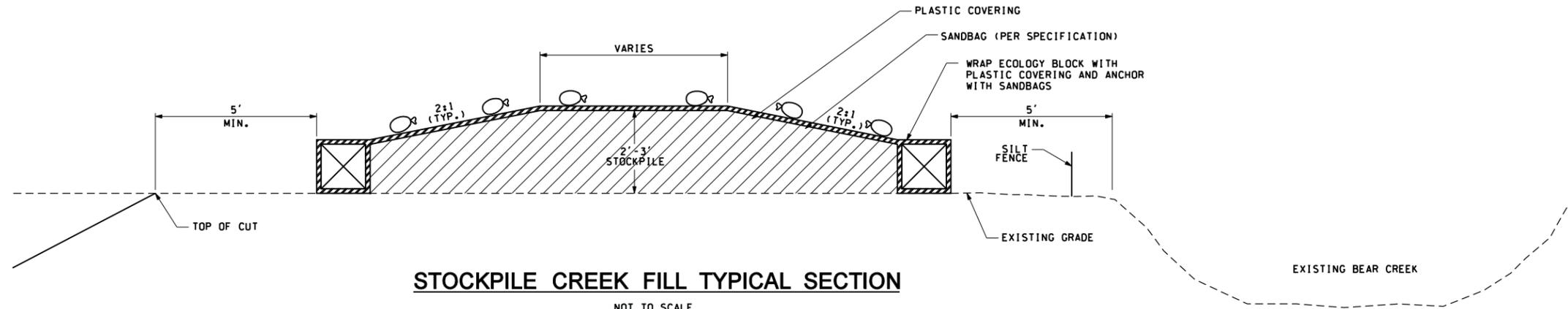
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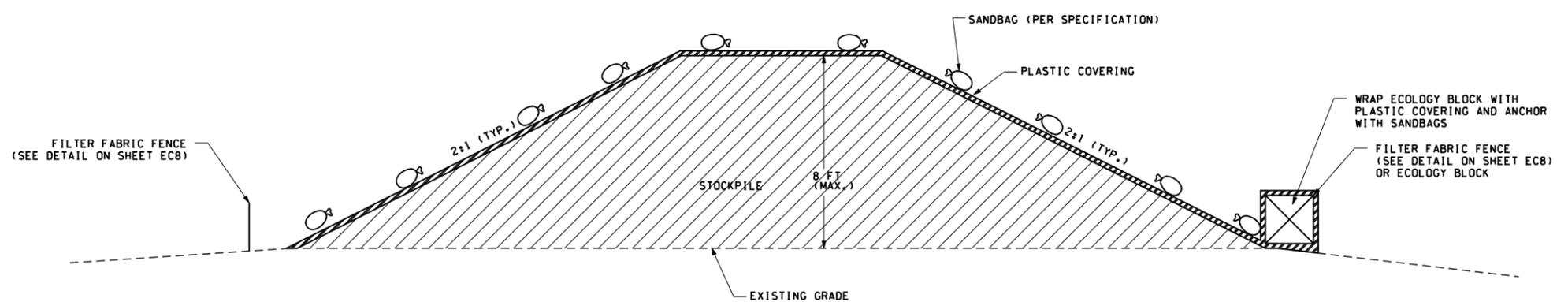
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TYPICAL SECTIONS	

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STOCKPILE CREEK FILL TYPICAL SECTION
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STOCKPILE LINER TYPICAL SECTION
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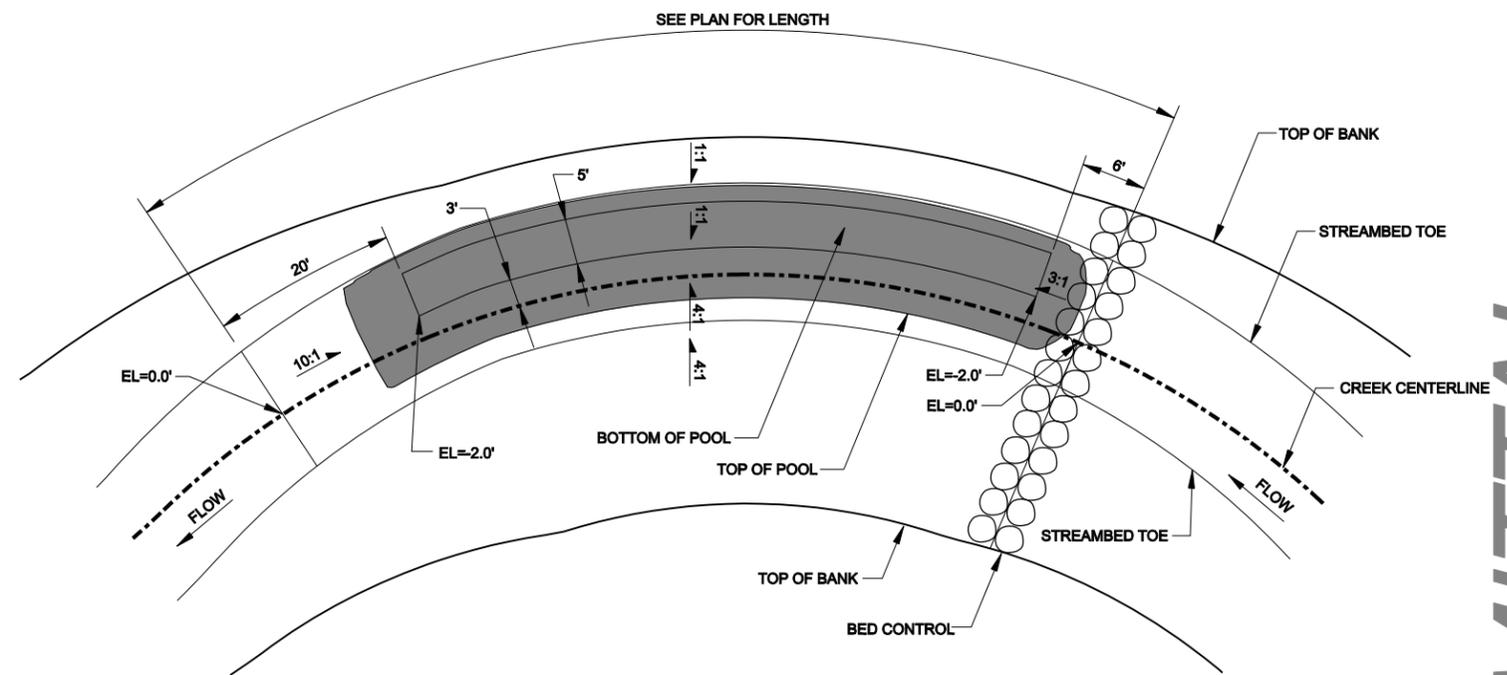
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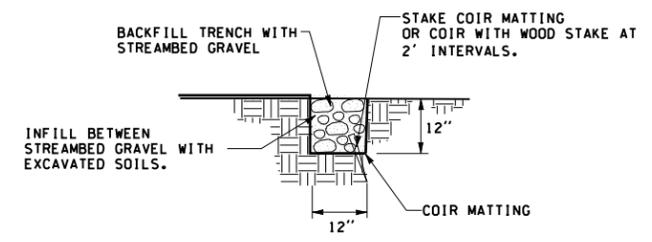
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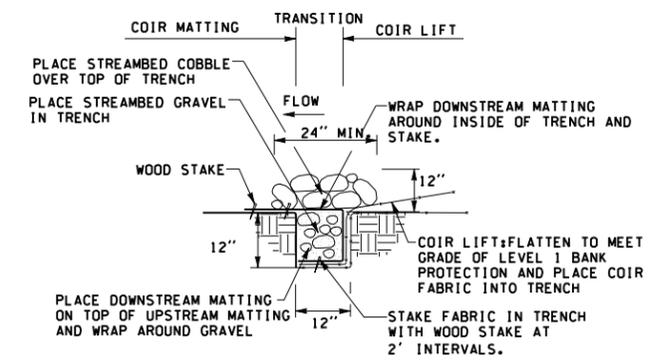
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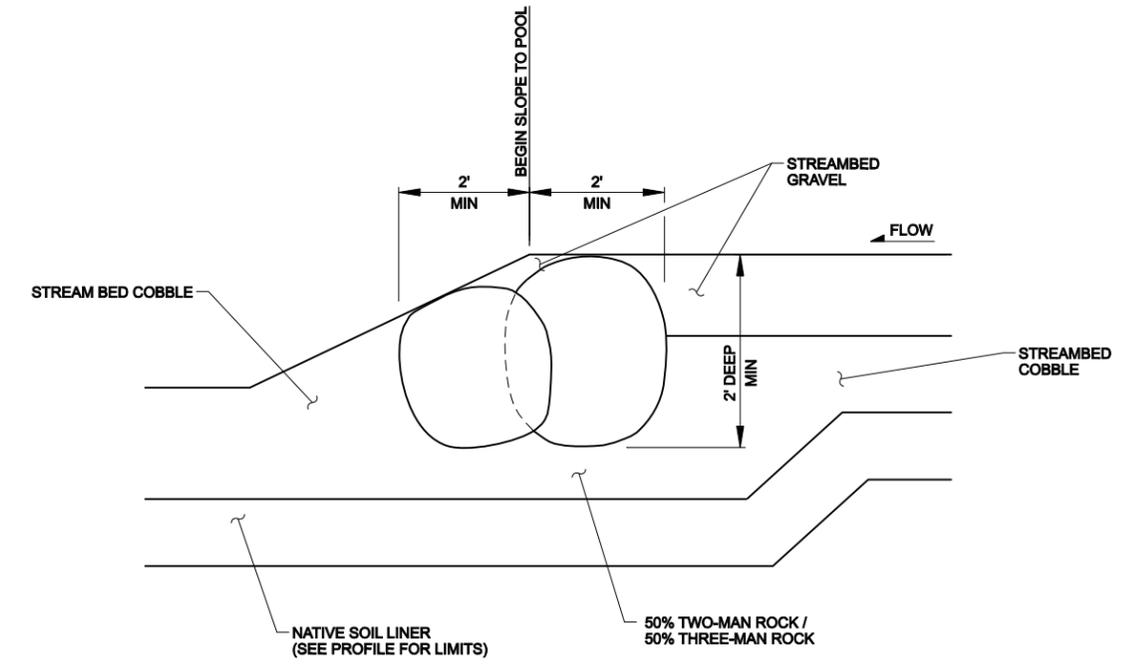
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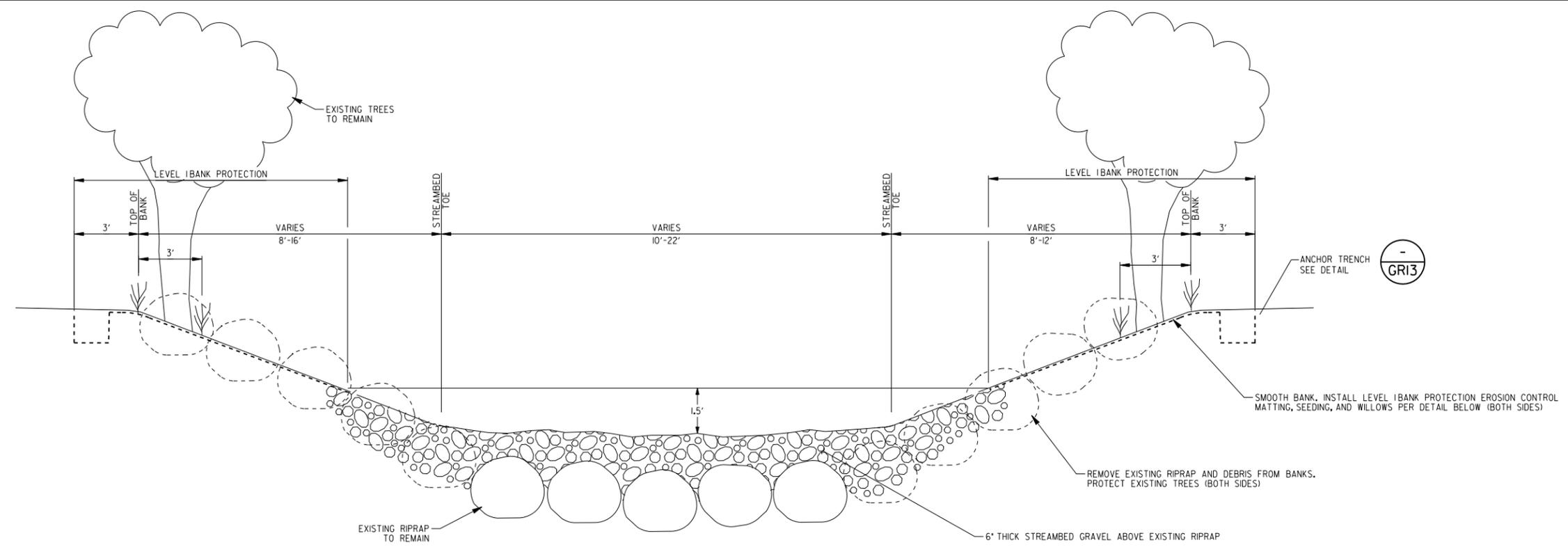
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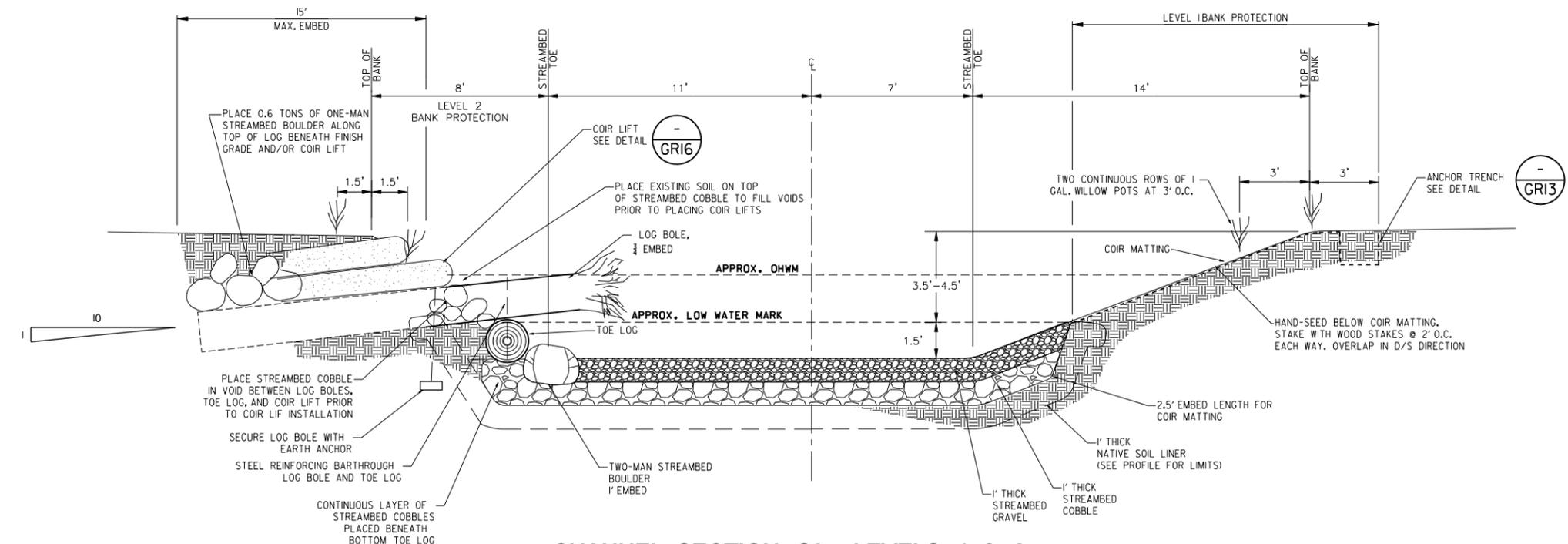
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BACK WATER CHANNEL A, B, AND C TYPICAL SECTION
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CHANNEL SECTION S3 - LEVELS 1 & 2
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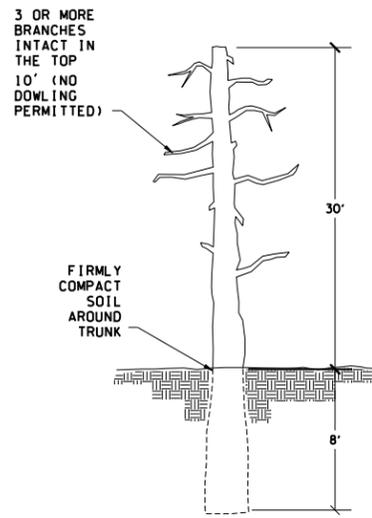
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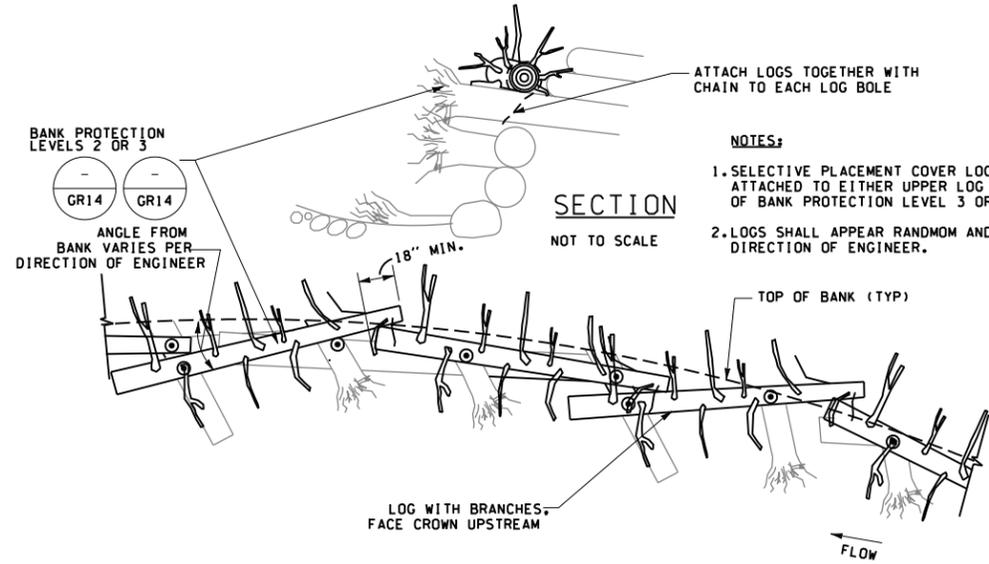
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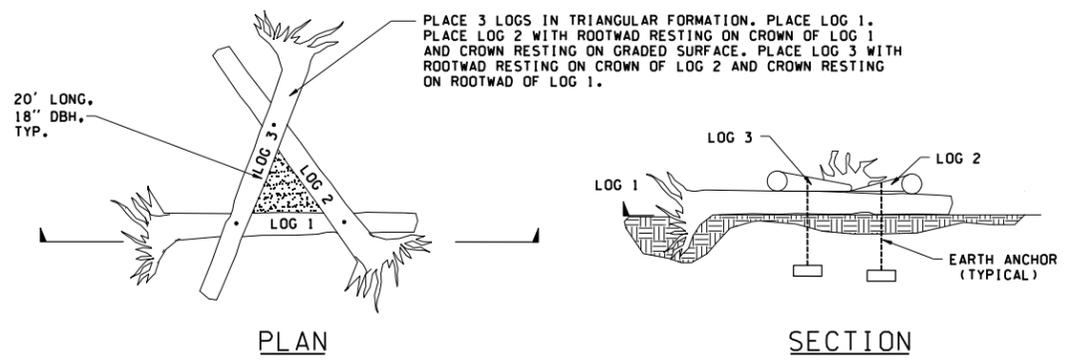


STANDING SNAG
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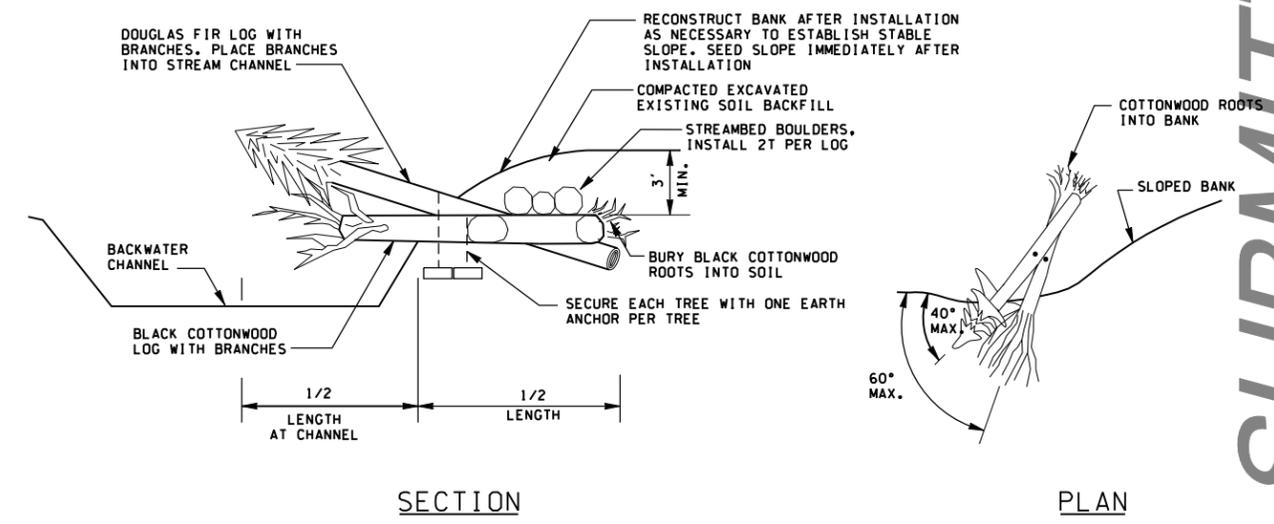


SELECTIVE PLACEMENT COVER LOGS
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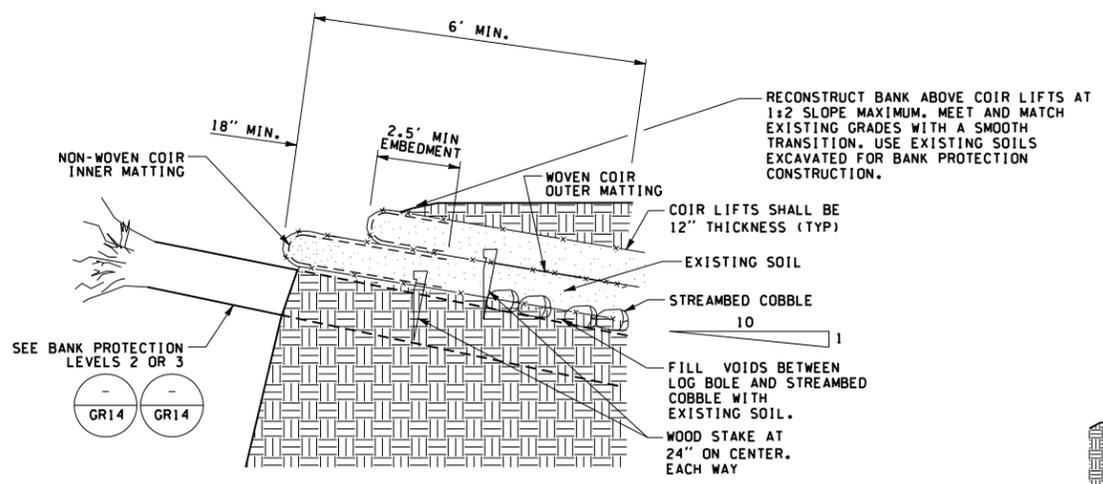
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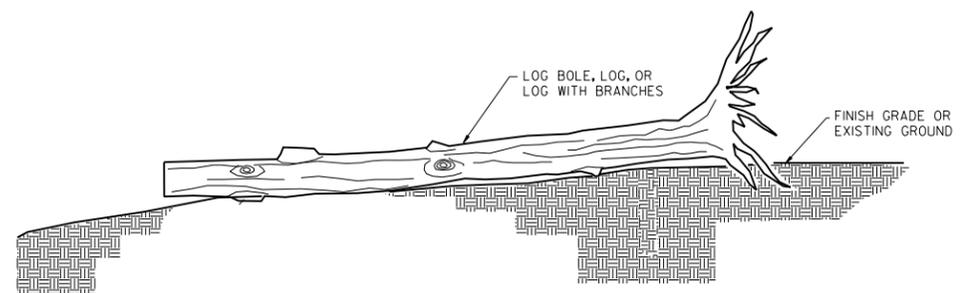
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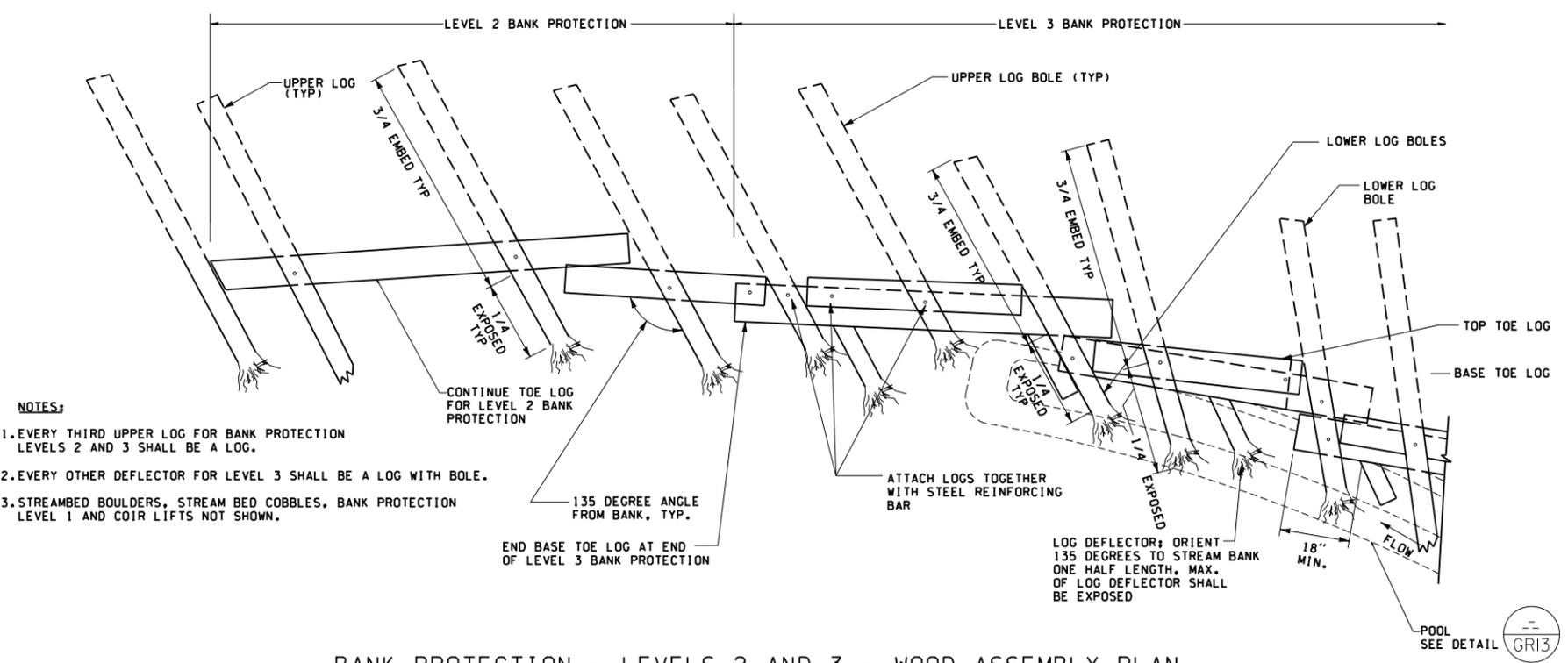
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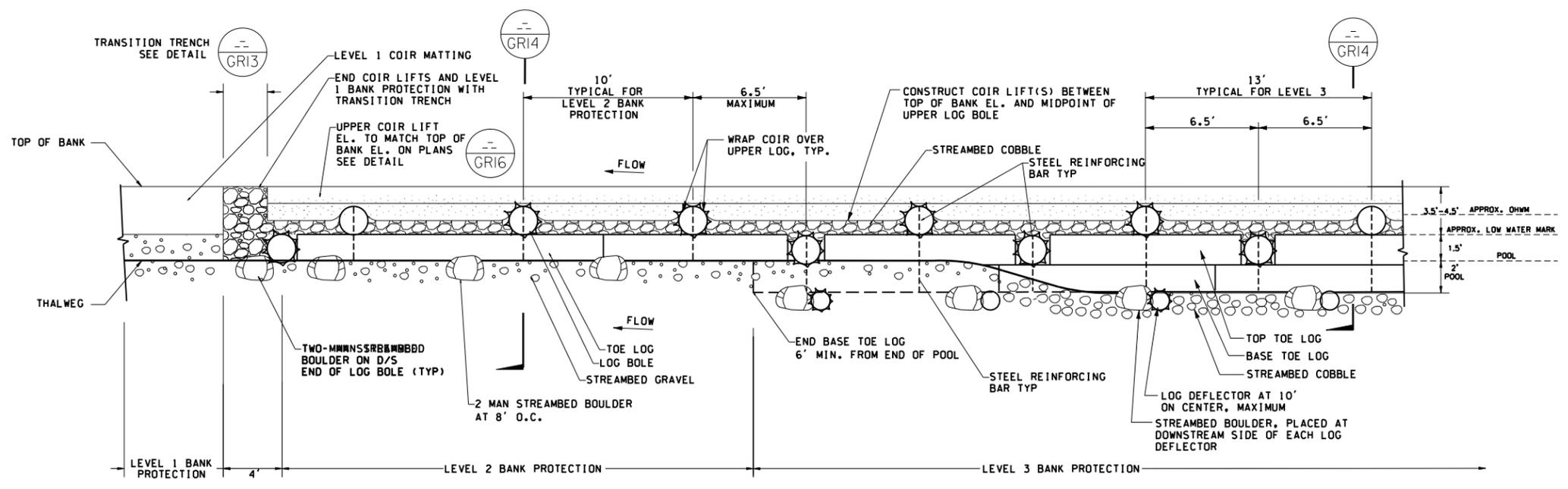
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BANK PROTECTION - LEVELS 2 AND 3 - WOOD ASSEMBLY PLAN

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BANK PROTECTION - LEVELS 1, 2 AND 3 - SECTION

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NOTE: LIVE STAKES ON TOP OF COIR LIFTS NOT SHOWN.

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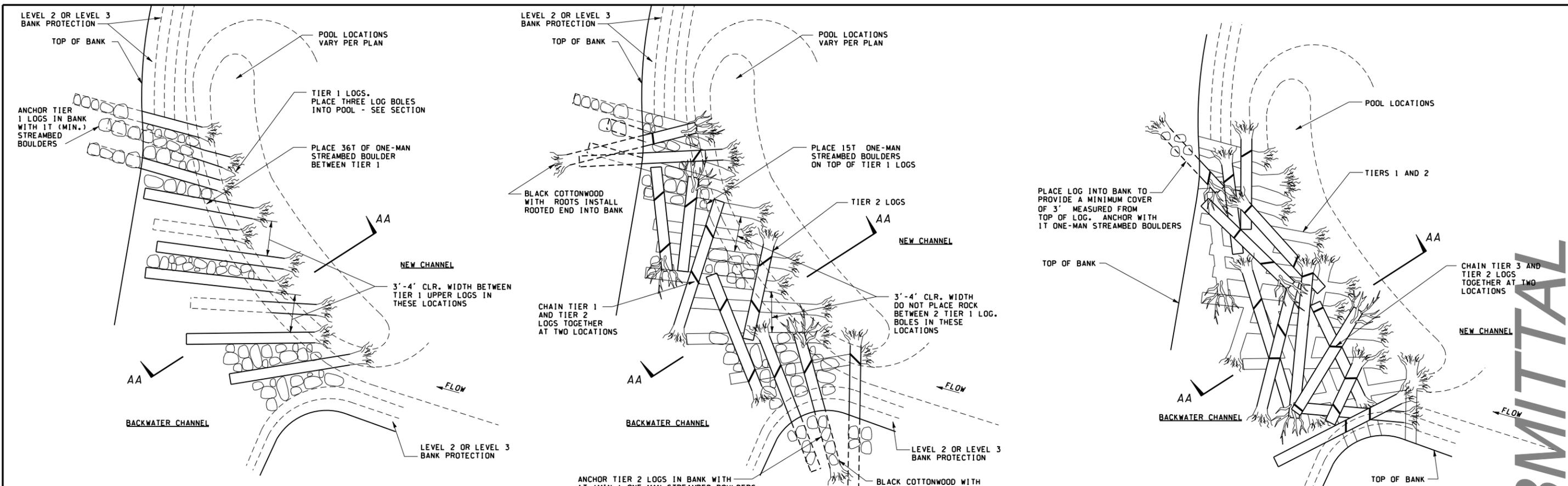
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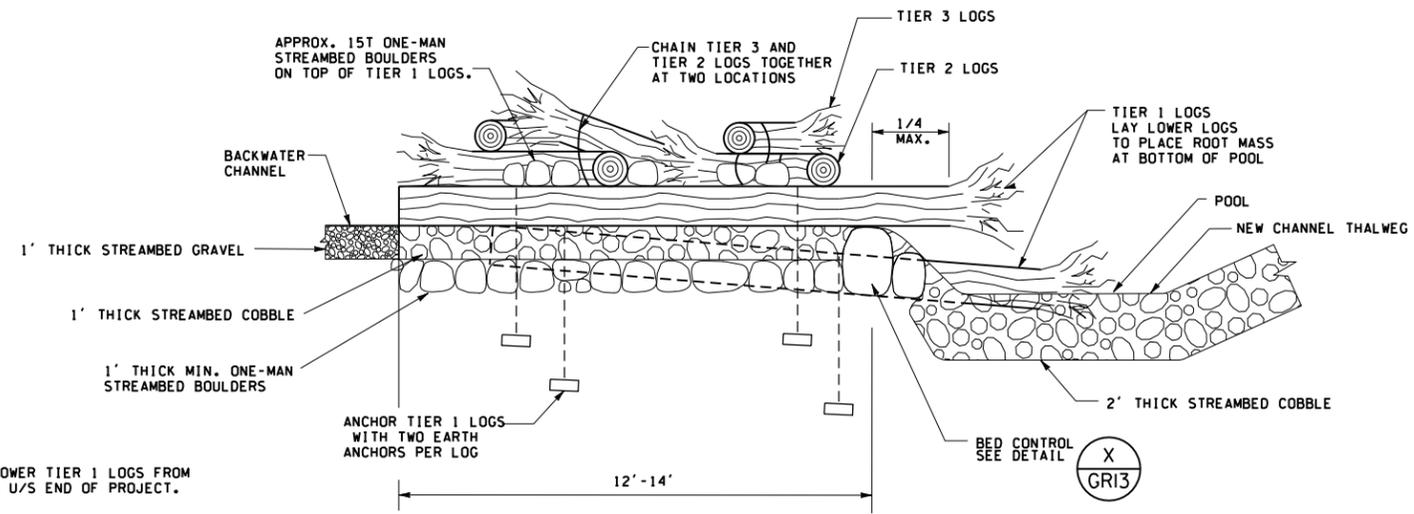
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TYPICAL LOG DEBRIS JAM
TIER 1 PLAN
NOT TO SCALE

TYPICAL LOG DEBRIS JAM
TIER 2 PLAN
NOT TO SCALE

TYPICAL LOG DEBRIS JAM
TIER 3 PLAN
NOT TO SCALE



LOG DEBRIS JAM - SECTION AA-AA (TIERS 1, 2, AND 3)
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NOTE: DELETE POOL AND LOWER TIER 1 LOGS FROM LOG DEBRIS JAM AT U/S END OF PROJECT.

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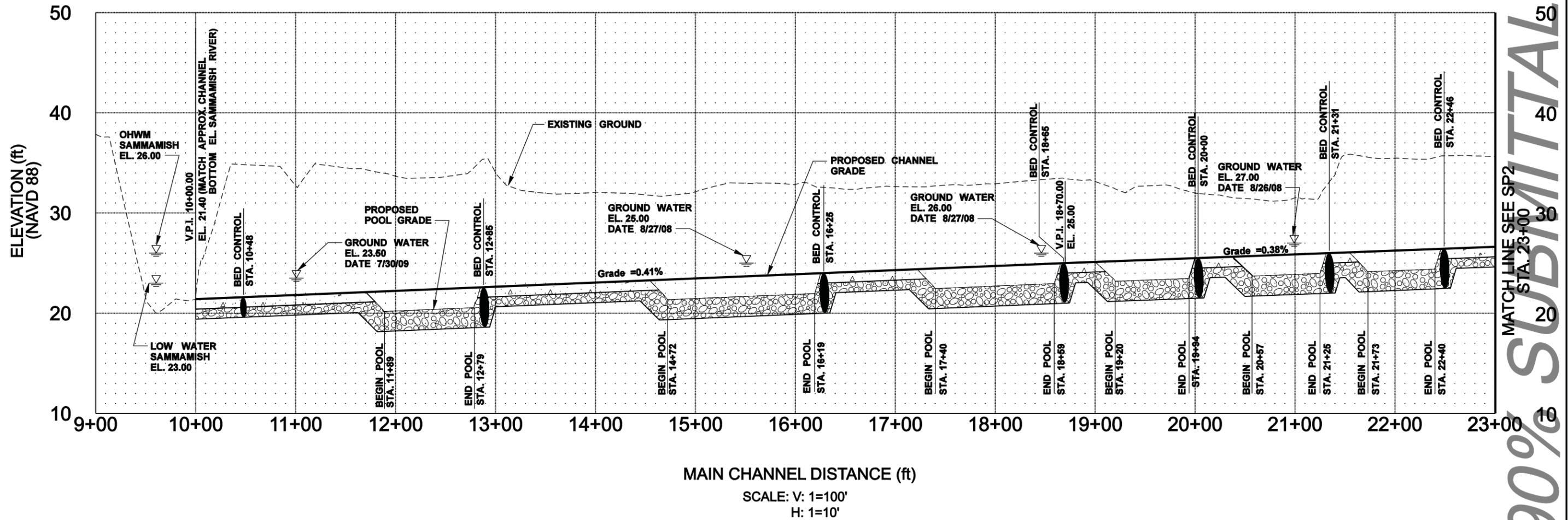
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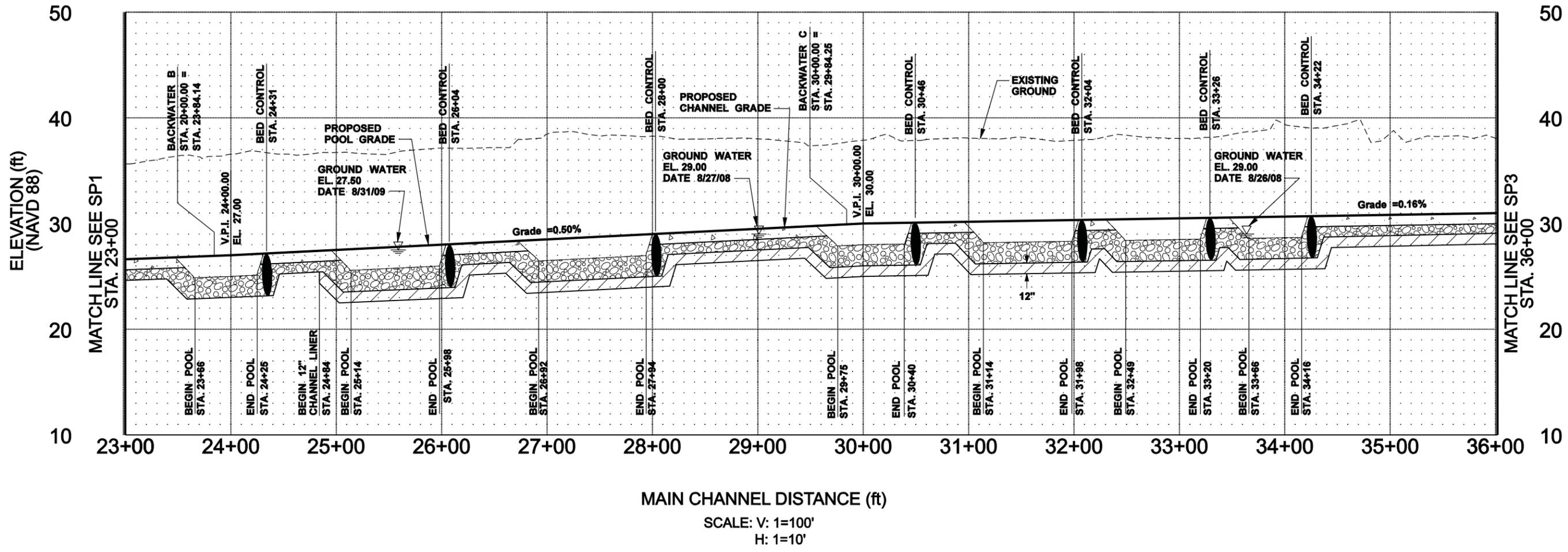
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STREAM CHANNEL PROFILE

SP1

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MAIN CHANNEL DISTANCE (ft)

SCALE: V: 1=100'
H: 1=10'

LEGEND

- EXISTING GROUND
- PROPOSED POOL GRADE
- PROPOSED CHANNEL CENTERLINE GRADE
- ▲▲▲▲ STREAMBED GRAVEL
- STREAMBED COBBLE
- ▨▨▨▨ NATIVE SOIL LINER
- BED CONTROL

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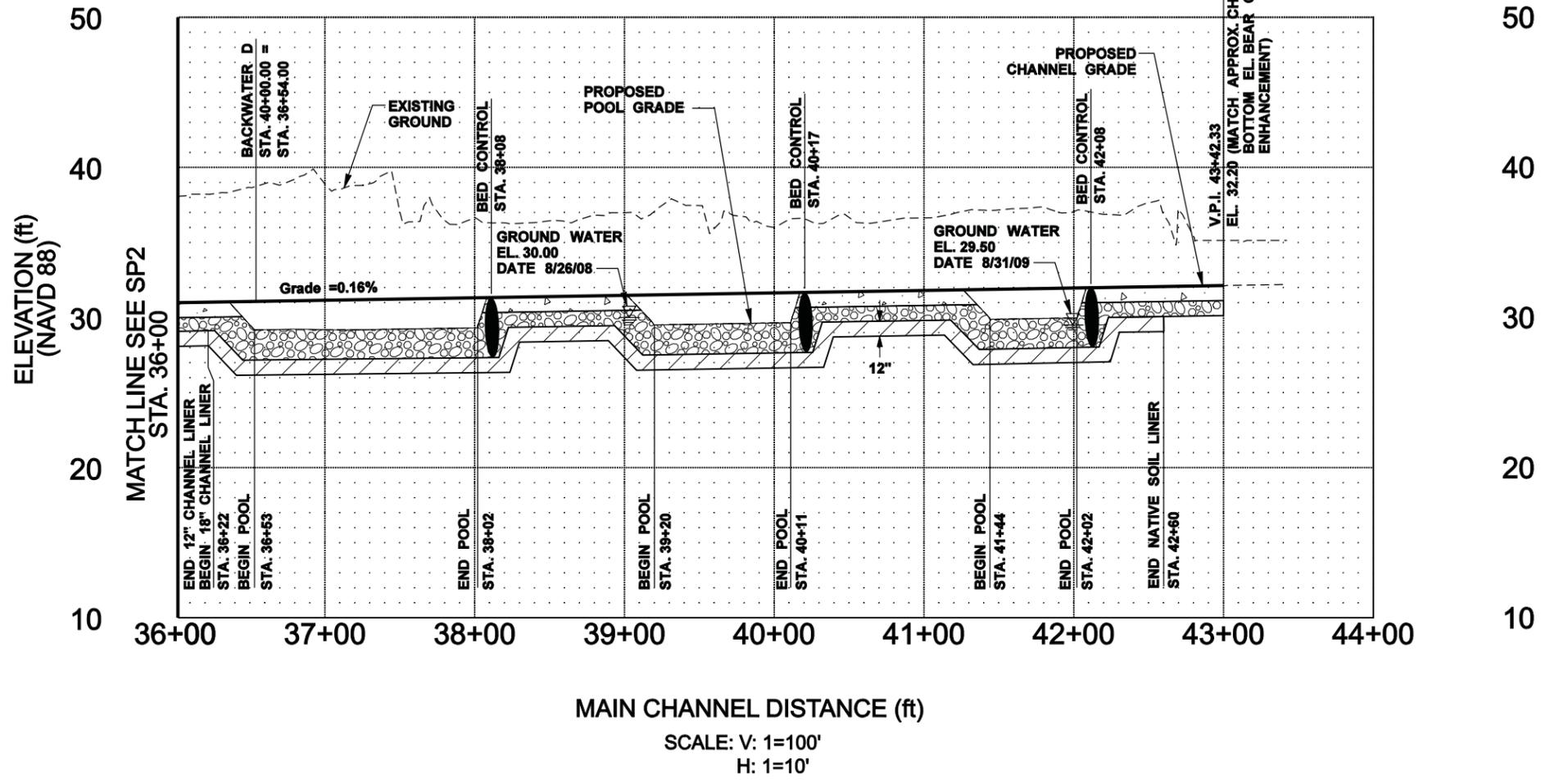


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STREAM CHANNEL PROFILE

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LEGEND

- EXISTING GROUND
- PROPOSED POOL GRADE
- PROPOSED CHANNEL CENTERLINE GRADE
- ▲▲▲▲ STREAMBED GRAVEL
- STREAMBED COBBLE
- ▨▨▨▨ NATIVE SOIL LINER
- BED CONTROL

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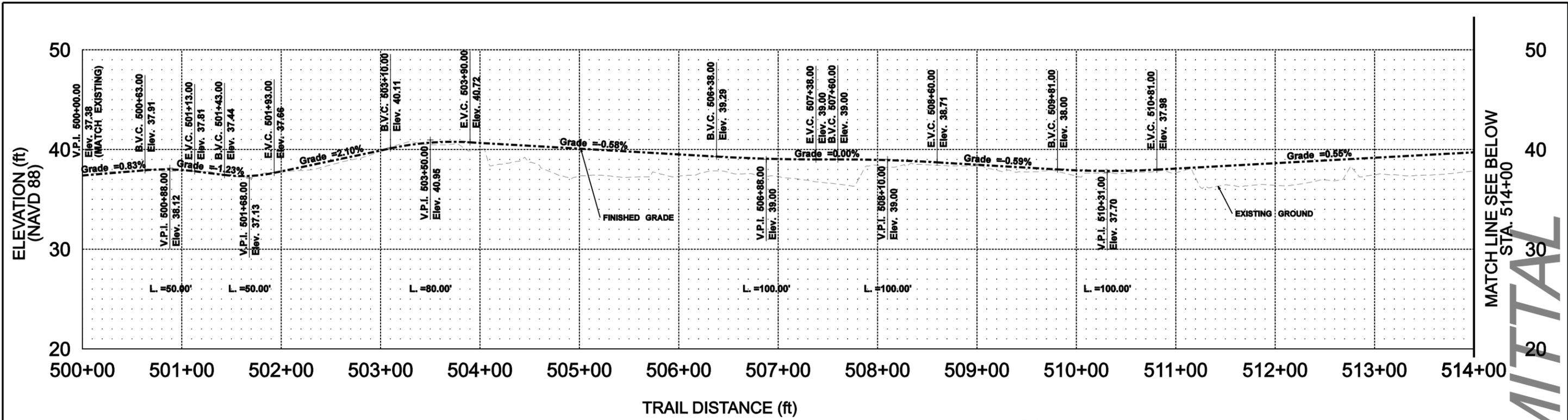
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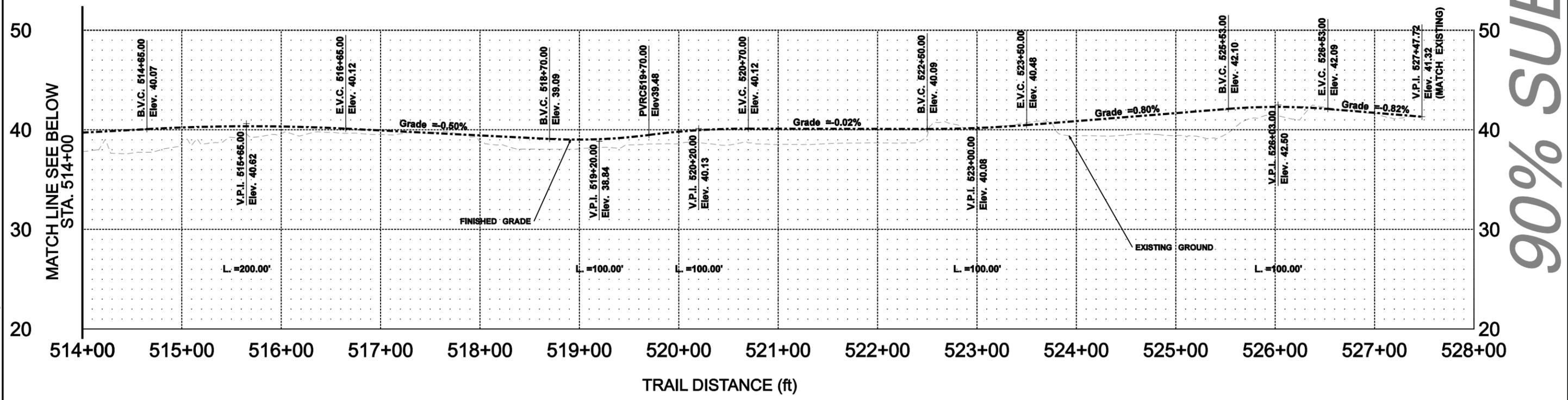
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STREAM CHANNEL PROFILE	

SP3
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SCALE: V: 1"=10'
H: 1"=100'

LEGEND
 - - - - - EXISTING GROUND
 ————— PROPOSED TRAIL CENTERLINE GRADE



SCALE: V: 1"=10'
H: 1"=100'

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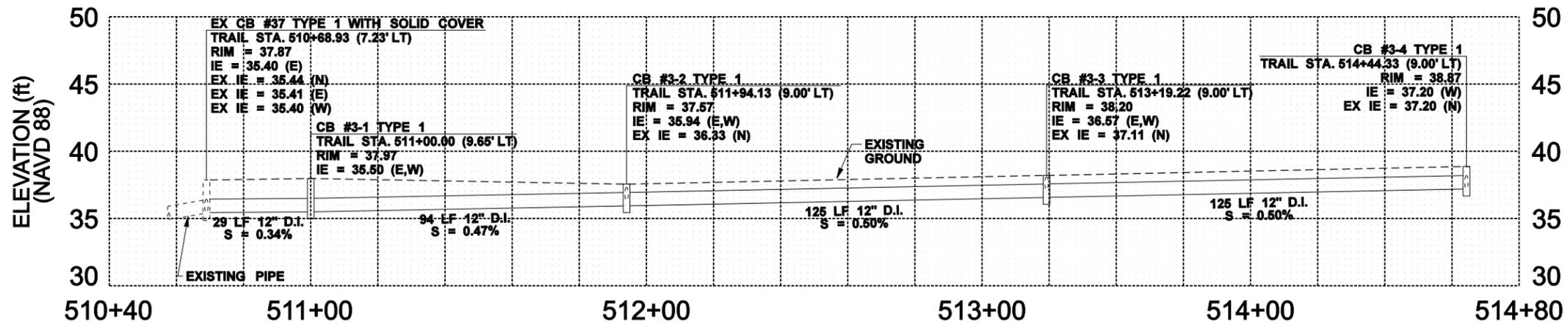
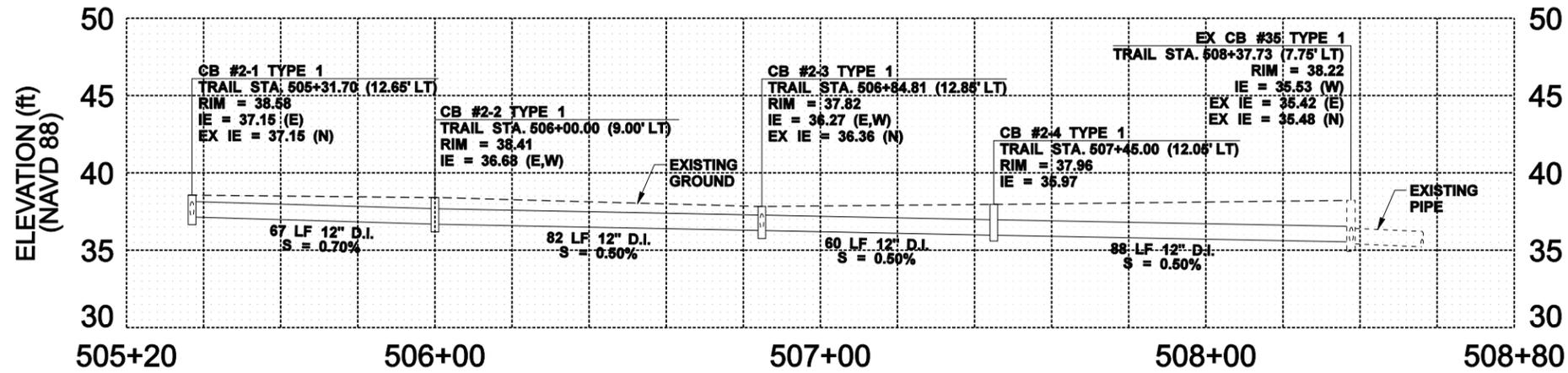
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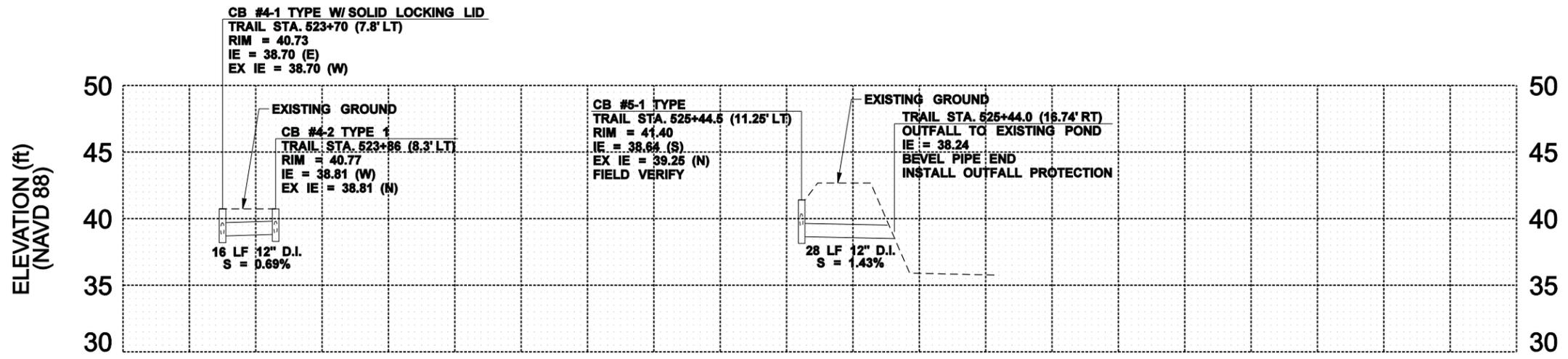
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STORM DRAIN PROFILE	

SDP1
SHEET
OF
SHEETS



DRAINAGE PROFILE
 SCALE: V: 1"=10'
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PLANTING LEGEND

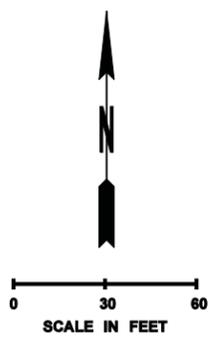
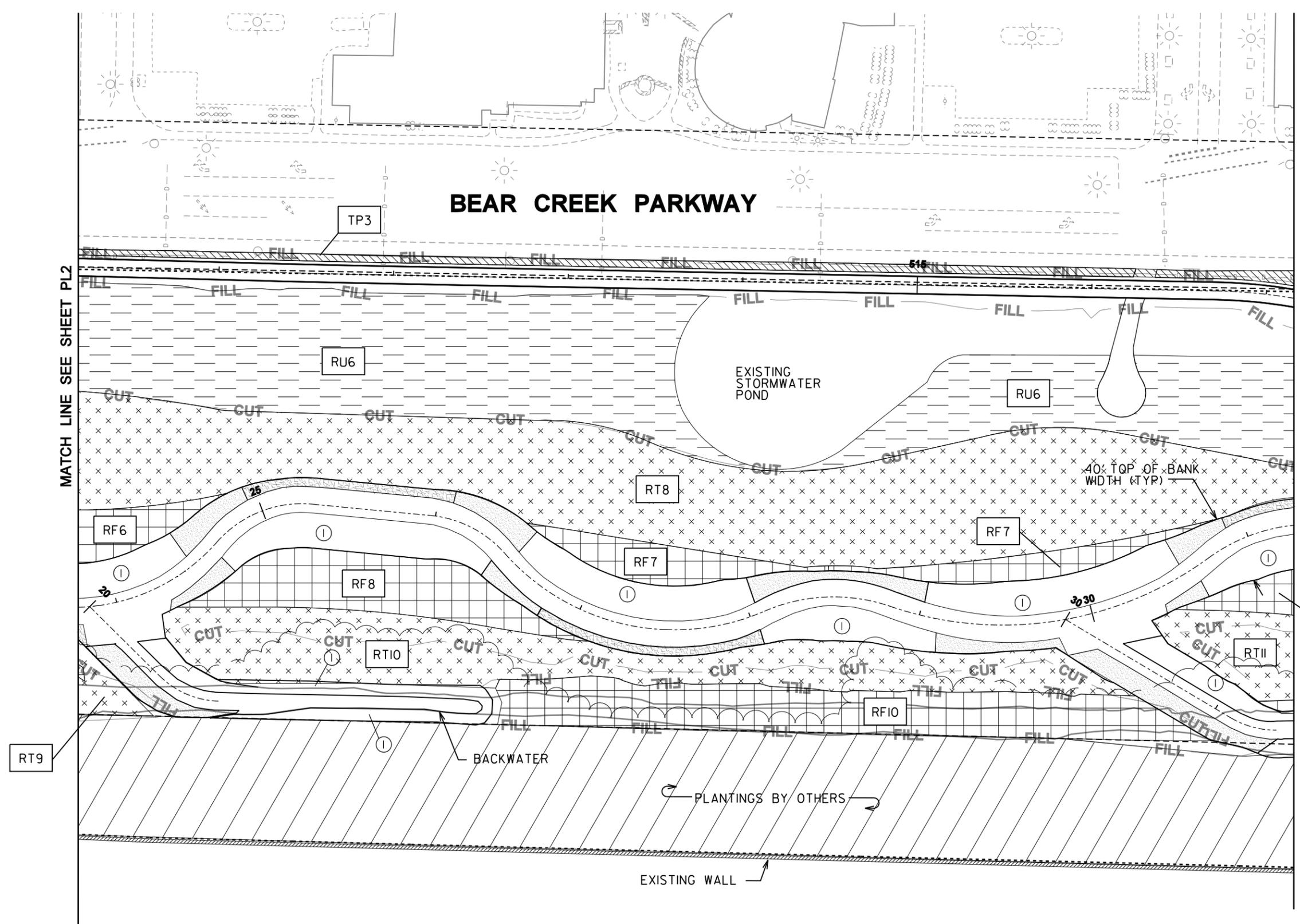
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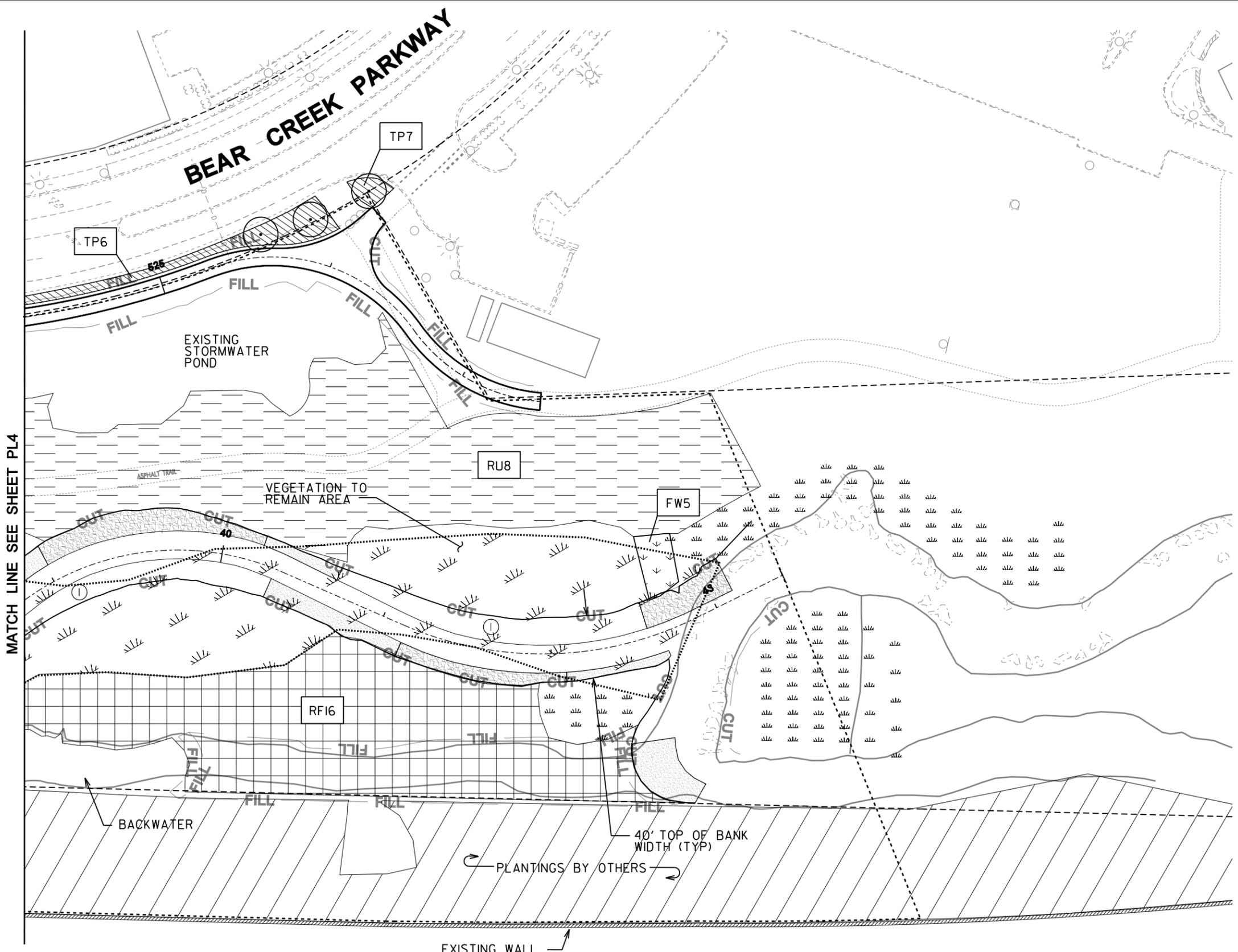
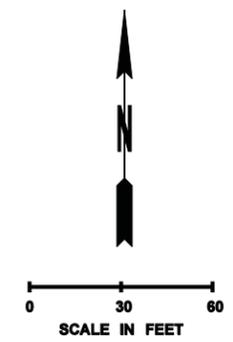
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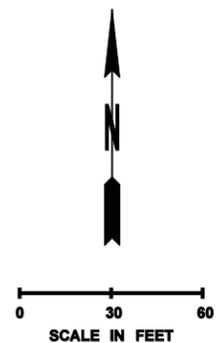
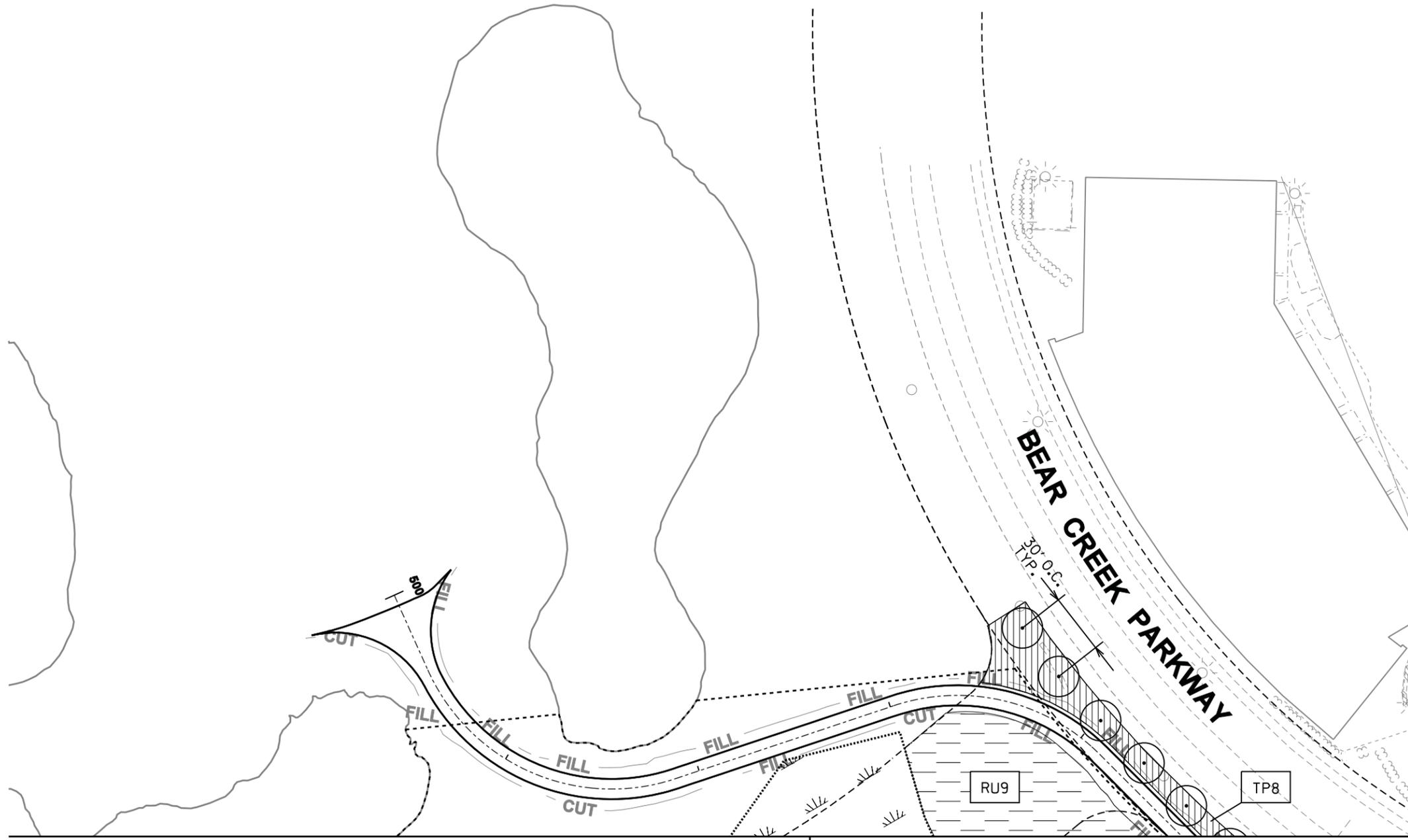
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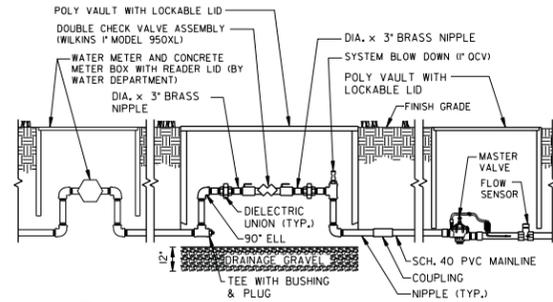
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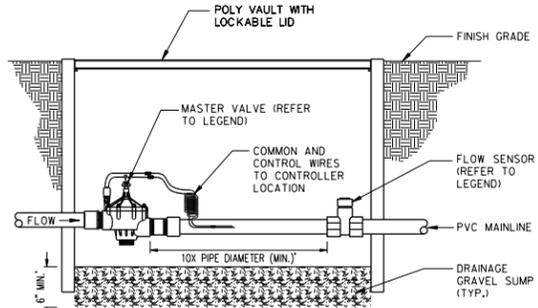


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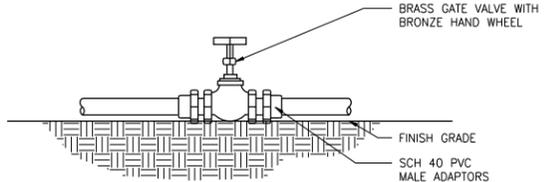
NOTE:
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X DOUBLE CHECK VALVE ASSEMBLY
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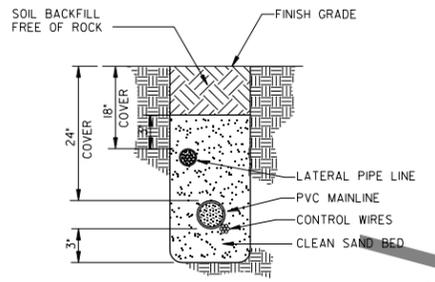


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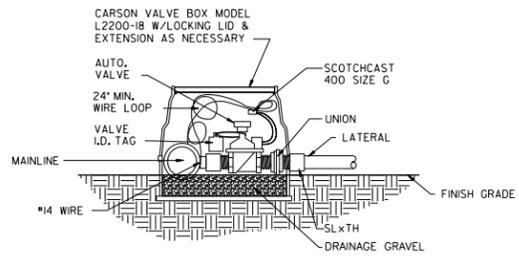
X MASTER VALVE WITH FLOW SENSOR
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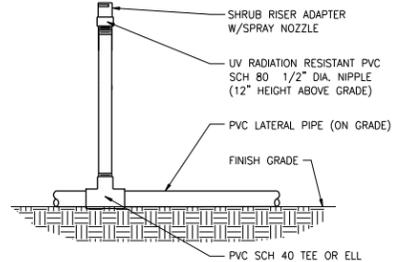
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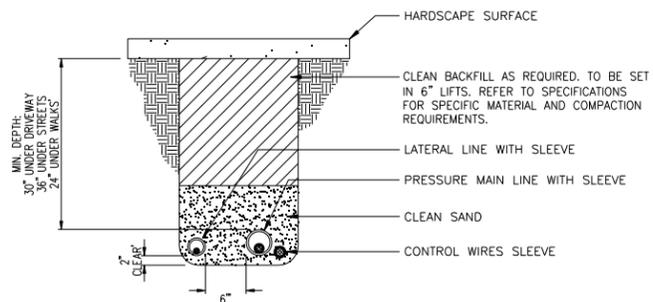
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X AUTOMATIC CONTROL VALVE (ON GRADE)
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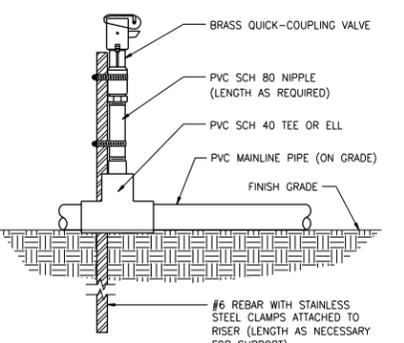


X SPRAY SPRINKLER
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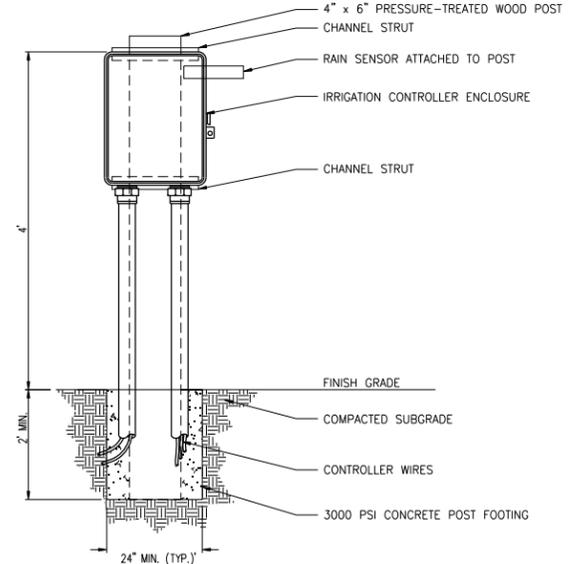
NOTES:
1. ALL SLEEVES TO BE PVC, SCH. 40 AND TWICE THE DIAMETER OF THE WORKING PIPE.
2. ALL SLEEVES TO RUN A MIN. OF 12" BEYOND HARDSCAPE EDGES.
3. CLEAN BACKFILL MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR SAND UNDER WALKS AND DRIVES.

X IRRIGATION SLEEVING
NOT TO SCALE



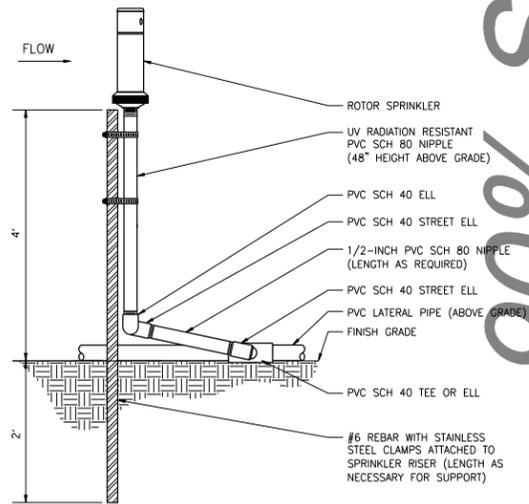
NOTE:
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X QUICK COUPLER VALVE (ON GRADE)
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NOTE:
1. CONTROLLER UNIT 30"x20" ON POST.
2. IF CONTROLLER IS TO BE LOCATED NEAR A SLOPED AREA, INSTALL POST AT TOP OF SLOPE TO ACHIEVE 72" ELEVATION ABOVE FINAL GRADE.

X CONTROLLER INSTALLATION
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X ROTOR SPRINKLER
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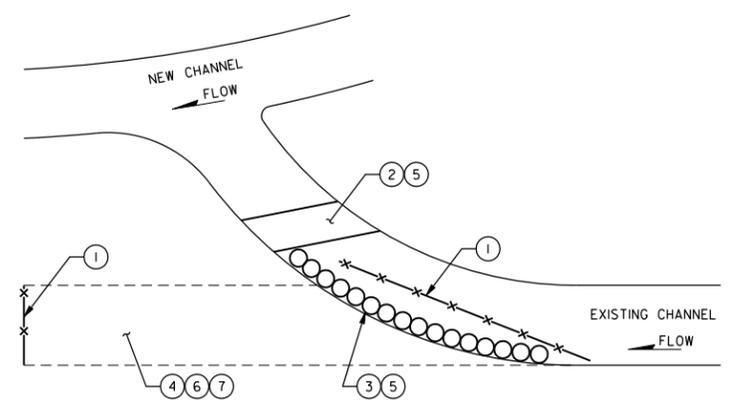
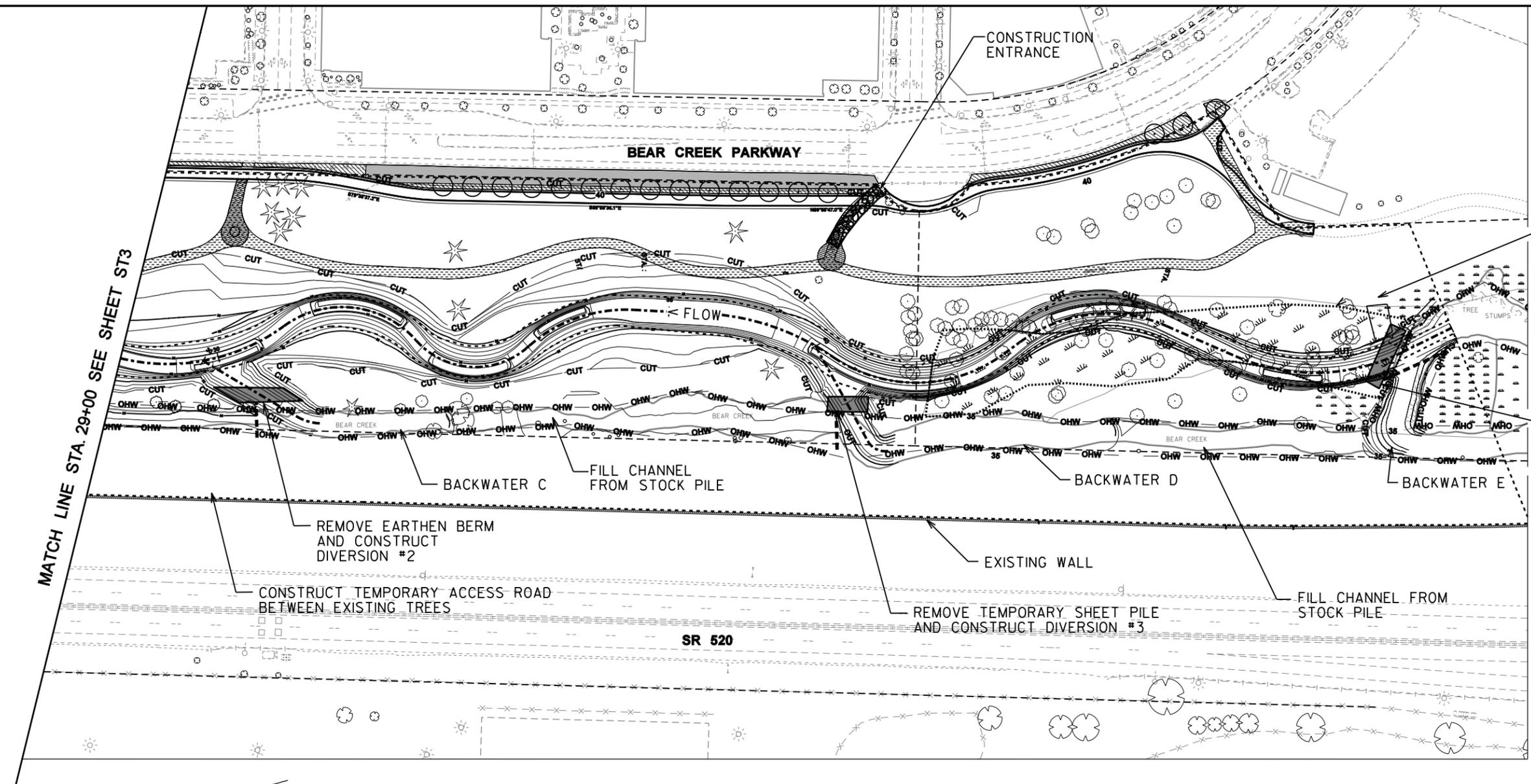
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TYPICAL DIVERSION DETAIL

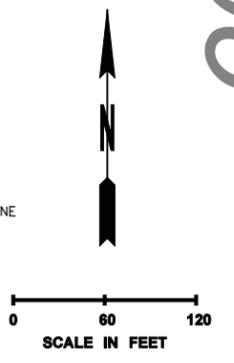
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RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR TYPICAL DIVERSION

- 1 INSTALL FISH SCREENS TO ISOLATE CHANNEL TO BE FILLED.
- 2 REMOVE PORTION OF EARTHEN BERM OR TEMPORARY SHEET PILE BLOCKING EXISTING CHANNEL FROM NEW CHANNEL
- 3 INSTALL STREAM ISOLATION CURTAIN TO DIVERT 50% OF FLOW TO NEW CHANNEL
- 4 BIOLOGIST CONDUCTS FISH REMOVAL - ASSUME 1 WEEK REQUIRED
- 5 INCREASE FLOW DIVERSION TO 100%
- 6 BIOLOGIST COMPLETES FISH REMOVAL
- 7 FILL DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

LEGEND

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| | EXISTING WETLAND | | RIGHT-OF-WAY (R.O.W.) |
| | EXISTING WETLAND (WSDOT, 2007) | | PROPOSED STREAM BUFFER |
| | CREATED WETLAND | | PROPOSED STREAM CENTERLINE |
| | | | EXISTING BEAR CREEK ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK |
| | | | CUT LINE |
| | | | EXISTING CONTOUR |
| | | | PROPOSED CONTOUR |



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