

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

**File # PL20-0258 Skagit County Drainage District 21
East Fork Nookachamps Creek Channel Realignment Project**

Notice is hereby given that on June 19, 2020, Skagit County Drainage District 21 filed a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit application PL20-0258 to realign East Fork Nookachamps Creek through the left bank channel by regrading and expanding a portion of the left bank channel in order to align the stream with the SR 9 bridge crossing, increase flow conveyance within the stream reach, and reduce the interaction of the stream with the SR 9 embankment. The existing right bank channel will remain in place and will still convey flows at all river stages. This action will also increase the quantity and quality of salmonid habitat through increased wetted area of the expanded left bank channel. The project is located on approximately river mile (RM) 1.7 of the East Fork Nookachamps Creek. The excavated channel will match the upstream channel geometry and is intended to act as a starter channel (i.e., the inlet to the left bank channel will be expanded and future storm flows will flush sediments located within the channel downstream to form the remainder of the left bank channel). It is estimated that the constructed channel will be approximately 25-feet wide by 2- to 3-feet deep and 100 feet long. Channel realignment work will occur in the dry and in isolation from the stream.

The proposed project is located within a portion of the SE ¼ of Section 11, Township 34 N, Range 4 E. W.M. Parcel P24548.

The full application for this proposal is on file with Skagit County Planning and Development Services (PDS), and will be reviewed under the provisions of Skagit County Code (SCC). This information is available to the public on request. Other permits may be necessary in the development of the project but are not included in this application: grading permit (Skagit County), HPA (WDFW), US Army Corps of Engineers authorization.

A public hearing before the Skagit County Hearing Examiner is required for this project.

Any person desiring to comment on or to be notified of the decision on this application should notify PDS in writing within thirty days of the date of final publication of this notice, which is July 16, 2020. Skagit County accepts comments online only through the form at www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments. To ensure comments are received and processed properly, comments are not accepted via email.

Written comments must be received by 4:30 pm, August 15, 2020.

Submit comments to:

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