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Questions and Answers North Osterman Creek Crossing

- 1. Question:** Does the FEMA funding for the North Osterman Creek [Crossing] change the permitting requirements for the project?

Answer: The FEMA funding follows the federal NEPA permitting process with the exception that the process is typically a bit slower than working with WSDOT Local Programs.

- 2. Question:** Will this project require the same HPA permit from WDFW and JARPA permit from the Army Corps that most fish passage projects require? Does the FEMA funding for the project have any special requirements attached to it or does it remove any requirements?

Answer: We will likely need to consider engagement with the Forest Service for Wild and Scenic based on the proximity to the Sauk River, but otherwise the permitting will be very similar to a FHWA funded project and will require a JARPA, HPA, and USACE permitting.

- 3. Question:** Is there anything about the project or the existing ROW at this site that would put a specific interest on Right of Way Services over typical fish passage projects?

Answer: It will be determined by the selected structure and road alignment as to whether we will need ROW. I believe the existing ROW is 60' where North Osterman Creek crosses Concrete Sauk Valley Road.