



Pacific County
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BUILDING • ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH • PLANNING

Date: August 20th, 2020

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
SHORELINE MASTER PLAN
SUBSTANTIAL SHORELINE DEVELOPMENT**

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PACIFIC COUNTY ORDINANCE 180/180A**

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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA)**

Shoreline Exemption #: P2000543

CARL Exemption #: P2000469

Applicant(s): Holly Blake

Property Owner: Shoalwater Bay Tribe

Parcel: 14110250004

Project Location: Located on Ranch Road near Tokeland, WA in Section 02, Township 14 North, Range 11 West of W.M.

Description of Project: The applicant is proposing to replace the existing 20 foot long, 36 inch culvert that is failing, with a new-like culvert. This project is considered maintenance and repair to fix the failing drainage in the area.

Within the: Shorelines of associated wetlands in the Willapa Bay Conservancy Shoreline Designation as described in the Pacific County Shoreline Master Program.

Exemption: This proposal is exempt from the requirements of a shorelines substantial-development permit as outlined by WAC 173-27-040(2)(b), the requirements of SEPA as outlined in WAC 197-11-800(3) and the requirements of Pacific County Ordinance 180 (Critical Areas and Resource Lands) as outlined in Section 3E.3.

WAC 173-27-040(2)(b)

Normal maintenance or repair of existing structures or developments, including damage by accident, fire or elements. "Normal maintenance" includes those usual acts to prevent a decline, lapse, or cessation from a lawfully established condition. "Normal repair" means to restore a development to a state comparable to its original condition, including but not limited to its size, shape, configuration, location and external appearance, within a reasonable period after decay or partial destruction, except where repair causes substantial adverse effects to shoreline resource or environment. Replacement of a structure or development may be authorized as repair where such replacement is the common method of repair for the type of structure or development and the replacement structure or development is comparable to the original structure or development including but not limited to its size, shape, configuration, location and external appearance and the replacement does not cause substantial adverse effects to shoreline resources or environment.


WAC 197-11-800(3) SEPA The following activities shall be categorically exempt: The repair, remodeling, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing private or public structures, facilities or equipment, including utilities, recreation, and transportation facilities involving no material expansions or changes in use beyond that previously existing; except that, where undertaken wholly or in part on lands covered by water, only minor repair or replacement of structures may be exempt (examples include repair or replacement of piling, ramps, floats, or mooring buoys, or minor repair, alteration, or maintenance of docks).

Pacific County Ordinance 180 (Critical Areas and Resource Lands) Section 3E.3. – Maintenance, repair and operation of existing structures, utilities, sewage disposal systems, water systems, drainage facilities, ponds, flood control facilities, electric and communication facilities, public and private roads and driveways, and improved areas accessory to a single family residential use including, but not limited to, landscaping, yard maintenance, and gardening are exempt. However, any person engaging in maintenance or repair activities shall use reasonable methods with the least amount of potential impact to critical areas. Any impacted critical area or its buffer shall be restored after the completion of the maintenance/repair activities to the maximum extent practical.


Conditions:

1. Shall obtain Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) from Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife prior to initiating this project

The proposal is consistent with policies of the Pacific County Shoreline Master Plan, the Shoreline Management Act, and the requirements of SEPA.



Zane Johnson, Planner



Date

