

City of Castle Rock

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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT Mitigated Determination of NonSignificance

November 15, 2025

Project Title: Al Helenberg Memorial Boat Launch Maintenance Dredging

Location: 240 North County Drive, Castle Rock, WA 98611 (Parcel #308770100)

Lead Agency: City of Castle Rock, Washington

Agency Contact: City Contract Planner Rachel Granrath,

Comments submitted to Karlene Akesson, Deputy Clerk, City of Castle Rock, PO Box 370, Castle Rock, WA 98611 or to bldgdept@ci.castle-rock.wa.us

Project Description: The City of Castle Rock proposes maintenance dredging at the existing Al Helenberg Memorial Boat Launch on the Cowlitz River. The project entails removing accumulated sediment and woody debris that limit safe navigation, recreational access, and emergency use of the public launch. Work will occur within previously authorized dredge limits and waterward of the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM). Applicable permits include a Substantial Shoreline Development Permit (SSDP) and SEPA review. The dredging is a recurring maintenance activity intended to maintain existing navigational depth and does not expand or reconfigure the footprint of the existing facility.

Proponent: City of Castle Rock, Public Works

Project Representative: Lynn Simpson, Ecological Services, Inc. (ELS)

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The City of Castle Rock has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Pursuant to WAC 197-11-350(3), the proposal has been clarified, changed, and conditioned to include necessary mitigation measures to avoid, minimize or compensate for probable significant impacts. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030. The necessary mitigation measures are listed below, the Environmental Checklist is attached and associated materials are available at the City's website www.ci.castle-rock.wa.us

This determination is based on the following mitigation measures, findings and conclusions:

1. Permit Compliance:

The applicant shall obtain and comply with all required local, state, and federal permits (including HPA, Section 404/401, and SSDP). All permit conditions apply.

2. In-Water Work Window:

Work shall occur only between August 1–31 to protect juvenile salmonids.

3. Fish Protection:

Hydraulic dredge intake hoses shall be fitted with fish screens to prevent entrainment.

4. Water Quality and Sediment Control:

- Dredged material shall be dewatered in uplands using geofabric or hay bale filtration.
- Turbidity shall be monitored visually; dredging shall stop if a plume extends beyond 300 feet downstream.
- Dredged material shall be disposed of at an approved upland facility.

5. Spill Prevention:

- Equipment should use vegetable-based hydraulic fluids.
- Refueling and maintenance must occur ≥150 feet from any waterbody.
- A spill kit and plan shall be kept on-site.

6. Limits of Work:

Dredging shall remain within previously authorized areas, depths, and widths; no expansion or reconfiguration is allowed.

7. Timing and Habitat Protection:

Activities shall be scheduled to minimize disruption to fish runs, spawning, and recreation.

8. Monitoring and Reporting:

Maintain a daily log of dredging, turbidity checks, and any incidents. Submit a brief completion report to the city within 30 days.

9. Permit Duration:

Work must begin within 2 years and be completed within 5 years of permit issuance unless extended per WAC 173-27-090.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350 and the comment period will end on November 29, 2025.

Responsible Official:

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Signature

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Appeal process: Castle Rock Municipal Code (CRMC) 18.04.210 and 18.04.220 (E)