



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Conservation, Sustainability, and Recreation **Analyst:** Nicole Gorle
ECAF: 2023-0114 **Date:** February 15, 2023
Motion: 23-063

Consideration:

Authorize the Executive to approve the FEMA Letter of Map Revision Application¹ for the Smith Island Estuary Restoration Project.

Background:

The Smith Island Restoration Project's purpose is to "re-establish historic tidal marshlands that provide critical habitat for threatened Chinook salmon, as well as other salmon species, in the Snohomish River basin."² Because the project is within the 100-year floodplain and project improvements have resulted in modeling that shows water surface elevations increasing by 1.04 feet, exceeding the 1 foot amount allowed (SCC 30.65.240), an application for map revisions relating to impacted areas.

Current Proposal:

Authorize the Executive to approve the FEMA Letter of Map Revisions Application for the Smith Island Estuary Restoration Project. The letter itself is from and stamped by Dave Stewart, PE, Engineer IV, certifying the data.

Once FEMA receives the application, they typically will provide a determination within 60 days.

2023 Budget: None

Future Budget Impact: None

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: n/a

Risk Management: n/a

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Attachment: None

Amendments: None

Request: Move to GLS on March 8th for Council consideration.

¹ <https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/change-your-flood-zone/loma-lomr-f>

² <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/1150/Smith-Island-Restoration-Project>