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Altman James H Estate % George Steirer Plan to Permit LLC 7233 Douglas Ave SE Snoqualmie, WA 98065

Memorandum: Watercourse Fish Use

At the request of the George Steirer representing the James H. Altman Estate, Avia Environmental reviewed available state and local information to assess the likelihood of salmonid presence in the watercourse crossing the Altman property located on Mercer Island (parcel 302405-9213).

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife SalmonScape database depicts a total blockage with no fishway present downstream of the property, where the watercourse is piped beneath E. Mercer Way (see included Fish Passage Barrier map created from SalmonScape). The watercourse is also shown as "intermittent/ephemeral" on the state data. Local (city) maps depict the reach of the stream within the subject property as type Np (non-fish) (see included Watercourse Map generated from the City of Mercer Island GIS database). Type Np watercourses in the City of Mercer Island require standard buffers of 60 feet plus a 10-foot building setback.

No intrusion into the regulatory buffer is proposed. The proposed single-family home includes a small area within the largest buffer than would be required for a fish-bearing watercourse. It can thus be concluded that the proposal will have no impact on fish.

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Altman Fish Passage Barriers



