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Ben Shumaker Community Development Direction City of Stevenson September 8, 2022

Dear Mr. Shumaker,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City of Stevenson's Land Division Code Update. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has reviewed the proposal and offers the following comment for your consideration.

WDFW requests for the WDFW Priority Habitat and Species (PHS) to be added to the list of information required on the maps/drawings submitted to the City where applicable in *Title 16 – Subdivisions* of the City of Stevenson Municipal Code, particularly in Chapters *16.36*. *Plat Standards* and *16.37 Boundary Line Adjustments – Review and Approval*,

*Chapter 16.18.025 – Preliminary Procedures: Site Evaluations – critical areas* as currently written requires for the applicant to meet with the administrator to determine if critical areas will be impacted by a proposed development. Although this step is required per the current code, I believe it is important to include PHS data in the final maps/drawings so early efforts to avoid and minimize environmental impacts can be achieved.

Thank you,

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