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Dear Sirs:

I would like you to protect the Hylebos Creek from the SR 167 Corridor. Our salmon have enough problems already. What a shame if more damage is done to them. You have the golden opportunity to restore the degraded habitat in the Hylebos Creek watershed so I support the Riparian Restoration Proposal. Could you please send me some details of this proposal? Among other items I would like to know



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Finally I would like to ask you what the major pollutants would be generated by this ill-thought out project.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns. Future generations will have reason to thank too if you protect Hylebos.

Sincerely,  
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**RESPONSE C57-001**

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-----Original Message-----

From: Marty Fortin [mailto:fortin@myhome.net]  
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2003 3:36 PM  
To: campben@wsdot.wa.gov  
Subject: Hylebos creek comments

Hello

I received a flyer asking me to write to you about the Draft EIS for the Hylebos Creek project. I assume you will get plenty of letters urging you to address the six points outlined in the Friends of Hylebos publication.

I only ask that you follow the legal procedures required by the EPA, Ecology, et. al. to avoid excessive time, effort, and money spent on defending your work in a legal action that many activists groups seek as a last resort.

Best wishes,

Marty Fortin

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### **RESPONSE C58-001**

Thank you for your support. The Final EIS fulfills the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements for this project.

-----Original Message-----

From: Duane Grindstaff [mailto:d.grindstaff@attbi.com]  
Sent: Saturday, April 05, 2003 1:37 PM  
To: campben@wsdot.wa.gov  
Subject: Riparian Restoration Proposal

Dear Mr. Campbell:

As a supporter of the Riparian Restoration Proposal, I know that to manage SR 167 stormwater the natural floodplain of lower Hylebos Creek must be restored. The direct impacts to the environment and the way those impacts act together must be addressed. Please consider impacts on all species throughout all stages of their life cycles for the project.

Duane Grindstaff

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### **RESPONSE C59-001**

Thank you for your support. Information on the Riparian Restoration Proposal (RRP) has been expanded in the EIS. Please look at subsections 3.2.4 Water Resources; 3.3.8 Wetlands; and 3.4.4 Wildlife, Fisheries, and Threatened and Endangered Species. Other subsections in sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 have been expanded to look at impacts per sub-basin and reorganized to include indirect and cumulative impact analyses. We believe the changes in these sections address your concerns. Please also see responses to comments G01-001 through G01-049.

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3315 No. Visser St.  
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Dear Mr. Campbell,

As a resident of Tacoma and a member Taboma Audubon Society and Puget Sound Anglers I am offering the following comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed SR 167 project.

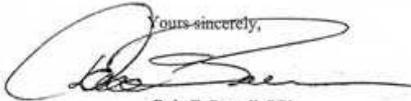
As you know, the proposed SR 167 corridor is located in the Hylebos Creek Watershed in some cases as close as 250 feet from the creek. The Hylebos Creek is home to a variety of wildlife including Chinook salmon and Bull trout; both considered threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The wildlife and their habitats are at risk due to increased flooding, water pollution and other impacts that would be caused by the SR 167 project. However, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement does not thoroughly assess potential environmental impacts that could be reasonably expected from such a large highway construction project as this.

In order to properly design the SR 167 project to protect Hylebos Creek and adequately mitigate for project impacts, the Washington Department of Transportation must conduct a more thorough environmental assessment. At a minimum, the following should be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement:

- Specific details about the size of the proposed restoration area, length of stream channel restoration and restoration methods proposed.
- A full analysis of the projects direct, secondary and indirect impacts and their combined effects on the environment.
- A full cumulative impacts analysis that addresses the impacts of the proposed project in combination with reasonably anticipated growth and major development projects planned during the life of the project.
- Revised fisheries assessments that characterize conditions and impacts for the different salmon species native to Hylebos Creek and the different life stages for each species. Wildlife and fisheries analysis must also include analyses of conditions and impacts to Hylebos' freshwater mussels, Pacific Lamprey, river otter and beaver populations.
- Specific impacts to low flow conditions on Hylebos Creek.
- A full description of the major pollutants expected to be generated by this project, the amounts expected to enter the creek and how they will affect Hylebos Creek.

Finally, I strongly support the Riparian Restoration Proposal. The restoration of the natural floodplain is the only way to manage the SR 167 stormwater impacts on the lower Hylebos Creek. Building stormwater ponds in a floodplain will not work! They will only waste money and worsen flooding. Further, restoring stream and wetland habitat in the Lower Hylebos Creek watershed as part of the SR 167 project will help restore the once abundant Hylebos Creek salmon runs. The Washington Department of Transportation should strive for a project that not only meets transportation goals, but also enhances the environment of the Hylebos Creek Watershed.

Yours sincerely,



Dale E. Powell, RPh

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## RESPONSE C60-001

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MR. CAMPBELL,

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I AM APPEALING TO YOUR WISDOM TO DO THE CORRECT THING WHEN DEALING WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF SUCH A VALUABLE AREA, AND TO BE AWARE OF ITS EFFECTS ON THE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF HUMANS & WILDLIFE.  
Betty Jones

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Betty L. Jones  
5519 Mathias Rd. E.  
Graham, WA 98338

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**TRANSCRIBED COMMENT C61-001**

I am writing in support of the Riparian Restoration Proposal of Hylebos Creek. I am appealing to your wisdom to do the correct thing when dealing with the natural resources of such a valuable area, and to be aware of its effects on the future generations of humans and wildlife.

**RESPONSE C61-001**

Thank you for your support.

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Neal Campbell, Project Engineer  
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April 5, 2003

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for State Route 167

Dear Mr. Campbell,

Living in Milton near the lower Hylebos creek and having an interest in my city and nearby communities I would like to comment on the proposed SR 167 corridor that is sited near the Hylebos Creek.

I support the Riparian Restoration Proposal. I feel the natural floodplain is the only way to manage SR 167 stormwater in the lower Hylebos Creek. In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on current and future generations.

We need to strengthen the "cumulative impacts analysis." Under the National Environmental Policy Act, the EIS must describe how the proposed project will affect the environment in combination with planned growth and the developments in the surrounding areas.

I would like to know more details about the size of the proposed restoration area, length of stream channel restoration and the restoration methods proposed.

The DEIS must fully address all direct impacts to the environment and the ways in which those impacts will act together to affect the environment.

Respectfully,

*Beverly Webber*  
Beverly Webber

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**RESPONSE C62-001**

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April 8, 2003

Dear Mr. Campbell,

My name is Lisa Palmer and I am an environment-conscious individual. I support The Riparian Restoration Proposal as the only way to manage SR 167 stormwater in lower Hylebos Creek.

I ask the DOT to provide details about the size of the proposed restoration area, length of stream channel restoration and the restoration methods proposed.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement must fully address direct impacts to the environment and the ways in which these impacts will act together to affect the environment. The current DEIS actually understates the actual environmental impacts. Please strengthen the "cumulative impacts analysis."

The DOT needs to characterize conditions and impacts for both different salmon species and different life stages for each salmon species. Several species were overlooked such as freshwater mussels, pacific Lamprey, river otter and beaver, and they must be identified.

Also, please address impacts to low flow conditions and to provide a full description of the major pollutants expected to be generated by this project, the amounts expected to enter the creek, and how they will affect Hylebos Creek.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration of these important matters.

Sincerely,

Lisa H. Palmer  
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April 8, 2003

Mr. Neal Campbell  
Project Manager, WSDOT Tumwater Design Office  
PO Box 47446  
Olympia, WA 98504-7446

Dear Mr. Campbell,

I am a resident of Federal Way and for the past 18 years have volunteered with the Friends of the Hylebos to protect and enhance the health of Hylebos Creek and its network of wetlands. Please review my comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed SR 167 project.

As you are aware the proposed 167 corridor will be sited near Hylebos Creek in the Fife Valley. Citizen groups have worked so hard to restore the habitat and health of the upper and lower watershed, on Hylebos Creek and in the Hylebos Waterway. I do not want this project to jeopardize the progress they have made!

I would like a commitment from DOT to be a partner in restoring the health of the watershed by moving forward with the Riparian Restoration Proposal. I am a strong supporter of the Riparian Restoration Proposal. A natural system approach is the only way to manage the stormwater impacts on the lower Hylebos Creek and still maintain a healthy environment for fish and wildlife.

In reviewing the DEIS for the project I feel that WDOT must do a more thorough environmental assessment to be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. The design for the 167 project should protect Hylebos Creek and adequately mitigate all the impacts of the project. At a minimum the following should be included in the final EIS.

- Provide more specific details about the size of the proposed restoration area, length of the stream channel restoration and restoration methods.
- Fully address the impacts of the project on the environment both direct and indirectly.
- Revise the fisheries assessments that characterize conditions and impacts to include all the salmon species found in Hylebos Creek and the different life stages for each species. Wildlife and fisheries analysis must include analyses of conditions and impacts to Hylebos freshwater mussels, Pacific Lamprey and river otter populations.
- More specific impacts of low stream flow conditions.
- Describe the pollution impacts. What pollutants are expected to be generated by this project, in what amounts? What measures will be used to prevent contamination of the stream system?

This project has exciting opportunities for protection and enhancement of the entire watershed! As a Stream Team volunteer it has been exciting for me to see spawning salmon on the upper Hylebos Creek at Brooklake on S. 356<sup>th</sup> Street in Federal Way for the past three years. I ask DOT to be a partner in restoring and enhancing the health of Hylebos Watershed with the SR167 project.

Respectfully,

  
Adele Freeland  
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Federal Way WA 98023

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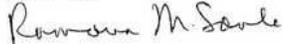
Neal Campbell, Project Engineer  
WSDOT Tumwater Design Office  
P.O.Box 47446  
Olympia, WA 98504-7446

Dear Mr. Campbell:

I am writing to let you know that I support the Riparian Restoration Proposal, so that the environment will be protected in the proposed SR 167 corridor. The Hylebos Creek area is a local treasure in this area that must be preserved.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Ramona M. Soule  
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Thank you for your support.

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Project Manager  
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PO Box 47446  
Olympia, WA 98504-7446

Dear Mr. Campbell,

I am a resident of Federal Way and an active member of Friends of the Hylebos. I am both a lawyer and a biologist. I have spent many hours volunteering in the Hylebos Creek watershed – removing invasive species, planting native plants, and helping with the legal aspects of protecting, preserving, and improving this delightful and important regional resource. Given my keen interest in the Hylebos, I am offering the following comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed SR 167 project. These comments are essentially those provided to me by Friends of the Hylebos. But I have carefully reviewed them and give them my full support. Please consider these comments.

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Yours sincerely,

J. Alan Clark, J.D.  
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Federal Way, WA 98023-3075

Also:  
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University of Washington  
Seattle, WA 98195-1800

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To: Neal Cambell, Project Engineer  
WSDOT Tumwater Design Office  
From: John and Thelma Sacklin  
Re: Hylebos Creek and proposed SR167

We have been supportive of our State's efforts to restore salmon habitats and have leaned that each small Improvement adds to the over all gain. Now it appears there is a new and rare opportunity for more gains through the Hylebos Creek salmon and wild life habitat improvement and protection effort by locals. This new "chance" can come from coordinated planning with the proposed SR167 rightaway. However improved habitat success, beyond those of individual teams, requires a comprehensive vision of a new Reparian Restoration Proposal. We and many others will support such a plan and we urge DOT to broaden their DEIS to a Reparian plan that can also includes future growth in the area.

Another concern we have is the environment threat from SR167 stormwaters, for it is known that these waters are poluted with chromium, copper, lead, and hydrocarbons ( oil, rubber, antifreeze ) chemicals that can poison fish spawning beds. we think any revised DEIS needs to assure that such stormwaters bypass the pristine wetlands of Hylebos Creek, We look forward to additional information on SR167 and Hylebos wetlands.

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