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Amy,

Please see the attached letter concerning the Stillaguamish Tribe's EIS Scope Comments for the Island Crossing Subarea. Please contact me or Sara Thitipraserth ([sthitipra@stillaguamish.com](mailto:sthitipra@stillaguamish.com)) with any questions.

Kind Regards,

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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

City of Arlington  
Attn: Amy Rusko, Community and Economic Development Deputy Director  
18204 59th Avenue NE Arlington, WA 98233  
RE: Island Crossing Subarea Plan and Planned Action EIS

To Whom It May Concern:

The Stillaguamish Tribe has reviewed the *DRAFT (2/17/25) City of Arlington Island Crossing Subarea Plan* and has concerns with the conceptual plans for further development of Island crossing, especially regarding increasing flood risks to surrounding properties and further degradation of designated critical habitat for Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed Stillaguamish Chinook Salmon populations. Degraded floodplain habitat is one of six factors contributing to the "Threatened" ESA status for Stillaguamish Chinook and the Island Crossing area is listed as a first priority for floodplain restoration in the *2005 Stillaguamish Watershed Chinook Salmon Recovery Plan (SRIC 2005)*. The *DRAFT Island Crossing Subarea Plan* runs counter to our efforts to restore harvestable populations of Chinook salmon to the Stillaguamish Watershed.

In addition, we have not seen sufficient hydraulic analysis showing if additional development of this subarea is advisable in the facing of a changing climate with larger and more frequent floods. The DRAFT Subarea Plan assumes that additional development can be compensated without undue impacts to surrounding properties, but that is an unproven assumption. Until the flood impacts are identified and the footprint for compensatory mitigation secured, additional planning for the Island Crossing subarea is premature.

Sincerely,

*Danielle Petkunas*

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**Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians**  
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