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Amy,

Thank you for letting me know! I have attached our comments here. You are absolutely correct; we had received the PlanView notification. My apologies for missing the initial comment period.

Have a great day,



Liz Voytas (they/them)
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Liz,

The sooner the better for any comments to be potentially included with the plan. I believe the Notice and comment period you are referring to is the 60-day Department of

Commerce submittal on November 5, 2025.

The comment period for the DEIS was sent to DFW directly (r4cplanning@dfw.wa.gov) via email on September 26, 2025, with a 30 day comment period ending on October 27, 2025. No comments were received by your department.

Sincerely,
Amy Rusko



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Hello Amy,

We have received the Lindsay Subarea Plan notice, when would you like to receive our comments by?

Thank you,

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November 12, 2025

City of Arlington
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Dear Amy Rusko,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment the Lindsay Subarea Plan. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is dedicated to preserving, protecting, and perpetuating the state's fish, wildlife, and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities. In recognition of our responsibilities, we submit the following comments for The Lindsay Subarea Plan. Other comments may be offered in the future.

Fish and Wildlife Resources and Recommendations:

- The attached SEPA states, "ravine steep slopes, may meet the definition of a Landslide Hazard Area." Please ensure erosion BMPs will be utilized and specify what BMPs will be used in sensitive areas (WAC 220-660-110).
- The attached SEPA states that Edgecomb creek does not support fish life. The Subarea Plan Volume 1 states "Edgecomb Creek provides suitable fish habitat for important salmonid species, such as the Coho Salmon and Bull Trout, and an existing fish barrier could be removed."
 - o According to PHS mapping, Edgecomb Creek flows into The Middle Fork Quilceda Creek which houses multiple salmonid and other fish. This is critical habitat for fish and should be protected (WAC 220-660-100).
 - o Removal of fish passage barriers is recommended to add to the mitigation plan.
 - o The manmade dam inhibiting fish passage at the head of the river is scheduled to be removed in the summer of 2026. This will allow fish passage further up the creek and should be accounted for when considering buffer widths and future development in the vicinity.

- The Subarea Plan notes that there are invasive plant species on site. Himalayan blackberries, Scotch broom, Canada thistle are noted.
 - o We recommend adding invasive species removal to the mitigation plan.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife provides our comments and recommendations in keeping with our legislative mandate to preserve, protect, and perpetuate fish and wildlife and their habitats - a mission we can only accomplish in partnership with local governments. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or the local habitat biologist, Ryan Shaw Ryan.Shaw@dfw.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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