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**RE: 202500772, SV-25-00001**

Dear Zach Torrance-Smith:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Application for the Allen Shoreline Variance. We have reviewed the environmental checklist and have the following comments.

**Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program**

The applicant is requesting a variance in order to expand a non-conforming use. Ecology published guidance titled [Variance Permit Reviews Guidance for Local Governments](#) in June 2023. It is recommended that the applicant consider the variance review criteria in WAC 173-27-170(2). Relevant to all applications for Shoreline Variance Permits, all considerations provided by Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-27-170(2) must meet the criteria of the WAC in order for a variance to receive approval.

Sincerely,

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