



# DUWAMISH TRIBE

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WA State Department of Ecology  
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Dear Tena Seeds,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Block 38 West Cleanup Site to oversee the cleanup of contaminated soil and groundwater in Seattle's South Lake Union neighborhood located at latitude and longitude 47.624205, -122.3380696 in Seattle. Based on the information provided and our understanding of the project and its APE, the Duwamish Tribe would recommend archaeological monitoring with an inadvertent discovery plan, especially if any groundbreaking activity occurs below fill, topsoil or other impervious surfaces into native soil. This is an area that the Duwamish Tribe considers culturally significant and has a High probability to have unknown archaeological deposits. We note that there are 3 historical and ancestral Duwamish place names within about a mile of the project location. The DAHP WISAARD predictive model indicates that an archaeological survey is highly advised with a high risk for encountering cultural resources.

We request that if any archaeological work or monitoring is performed, we would like notification. Cultural and archaeological resources are non-renewable and are best discovered prior to ground disturbance. The Tribe would also like the opportunity to be present if or when an archaeologist is on site.

In addition, the Tribe strongly recommends only native vegetation be used if there is any proposed landscaping to enhance habitat for fish and wildlife, and native avian life and native pollinators. The Tribe supports observing critical area tracts and stream buffers to preserve any remaining wetlands and stream buffers. Loss of wetland habitat is known to affect the viability of fish, water quality and increase the effects of seasonal urban flooding.

Thank you,

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