

# DUWAMISH TRIBE dx̌dəwabš

Feb 9, 2026

Washington State Department of Ecology

Facility Site ID: 4455938      Cleanup Site ID: 2582

Dear **Brett Carp & Meredith Waldref**,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the **King County Denny Way CSO Cleanup Site** to review the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan for the Denny Way CSO site (Site) located at 3155 Alaskan Wy in Seattle. The Duwamish Tribe understands that the Agreed Order is to provide for remedial action at a facility where there has been a release or threatened release of hazardous substances. We further understand that the order "requires King County to prepare and submit a Remedial Investigation (RI) Report, a Feasibility Study (FS), and a DRAFT Cleanup Action Plan for the Denny Way Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Site". The Duwamish Tribe supports the actions required by King County to cleanup stormwater and sewer mix discharged at the Denny Way CSO location. We also agree that further cleanup is needed after the Interim Action was performed in the early 2000s.

Based on the information provided and our understanding of the project and its APE, the Duwamish Tribe would recommend an archaeological or cultural resources assessment, 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 at least 5 ancestral place names within about a mile of the project location. The DAHP WISAARD predictive model indicates that an archaeological survey ranges from highly advised with a high risk to a very high risk for encountering cultural resources.

The Tribe also requests that any reports or findings regarding the Denny Way CSO Cleanup Site are made available to us.

The Duwamish Tribe requests 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 for 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.

Finally we request that any permanent lighting associated with the project be dark sky compliant to reduce light pollution. Darkened skies were favorable conditions to practice traditional life pathways.

Thank you,

Duwamish Tribal Historic Preservation



Duwamish Tribe | 4705 W. Marginal Way SW, Seattle, WA 98106 | 206-431-1582

[www.duwamishtribe.org](http://www.duwamishtribe.org)