



# CONFEDERATED TRIBES of the CHEHALIS RESERVATION

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) SOUTH BANK/HARRIS CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT

August 11, 2010

**Agency:**

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation – Natural Resources Department

**Background:**

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed in May 2010 for the proposed South Bank/Harris Creek Culvert Replacement Project. The project would occur on the Chehalis Reservation and would consist of replacing the undersized culverts where Harris Creek passes under South Bank Road.

**Purpose:**

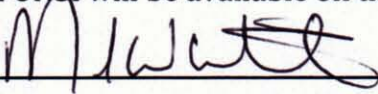
The purpose of the action is to increase conveyance of floodwaters along Harris Creek where it crosses South Bank Road. This action will prevent flood waters from flowing over South Bank Road, it will prevent backwater conditions from developing upstream of South Bank Road and it will provide fish passage through the culverts under South Bank Road.

**Public Comment:**

Notices announcing the proposed project and the completed EA were placed in the classified sections of The Chronicle (Centralia, WA), The Daily World (Aberdeen, WA), and The Oakville Cruiser (Oakville, WA) and comments were accepted from April 1 to April 30, 2010. Notices were posted in the Chehalis Tribal Center and at Oakville City Hall. Copies of the draft EA with a request for comments were also mailed to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Western Washington Office; Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Olympia; Department of Ecology, Olympia; Grays Harbor County Planning Department, Montesano; and City of Oakville, Oakville. The Chehalis Tribe received a total of three responses during the public comment period and all three letters were in support of the project (see appendix 6-1 in the EA).

**Finding of No Significant Impact:**

On the basis of the information contained in the EA and all other information available to me, it is my determination that the proposed action will not have significant environmental impacts. This FONSI will be available on the tribal website [www.chehalis-tribe.org](http://www.chehalis-tribe.org).

Approved by: 

Date: 8-11-2010

Mark White – Director of Natural Resources