**WA Exhibit 26**

Designation of Eligible Stream Segments for CREP Eligibility

B Nominating Stream Segments for Approval

The following actions must be taken to nominate a stream segment which is currently not approved.

Step 1: The Conservation District should consult with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife’s (WDFW) regional offices and each of the affected Tribes. Representatives from WDFW and the Tribes, along with other fisheries experts, can provide guidance on where a lack of riparian habitat is a limiting factor salmon and steelhead. FSA and NRCS should be consulted also, particularly to confirm if there is agricultural land in the area.

Step 2: Stream segments not currently designated for CREP, where there is a salmonid presence, or a high potential for presence, can be identify for possible nomination for CREP. The intent of the Washington CREP is to address ESA salmonids listings, and potential salmonids listings, on agriculture. Stream designations should be limited to streams where a significant portion of the lands along the stream are agricultural lands that meet basic CRP eligibility criteria.

Step 3: Using the criteria in subparagraph A, the parties consulted in step 1 should identify those stream segments where riparian habitat is a significant limiting factor for salmonids. Step 4: Develop a written justification for each nominated stream segment, identifying the criteria from subparagraph A used, those features of the current riparian habitats that are limiting for salmonids and the likelihood of enrollment.

Step 5: Obtain the concurrence of the designation from the FSA County Committee.

Step 6: Submit the designated stream segments, along with the justification, and an indication of the County Committee concurrence, to the Conservation Commission.

Step 7: The Washington CREP Coordinator will submit the nominations to the Conservation Commission and FSA State Committee for approval or disapproval. Because the CREP Agreement limits total eligible stream miles to 10,000 miles, nominations for additional stream segments will generally only be acted on once each year. Nominations must be submitted to the Conservation Commission no later than October 31, and approvals or disapprovals will be issued no later by December 31.

Step 8: Approved stream segments will be added to the GIS data base by the Conservation Commission, with a copy provided to the FSA GIS Specialist for distribution to Service Center servers.

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