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**Case File T2-2025-0067**

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Re: **Case File T2-2025-0067** – Application for SEC-wr Permit, Cottrell Pond / Johnson Creek

I respectfully urge the County to deny this permit or suspend any approval until proper oversight and full environmental accountability are established. The treatment of Johnson Creek throughout this project reflects a profound disregard for an existing natural resource that provides measurable environmental benefits, including flood attenuation, water quality protection, and habitat value.

Cottrell Pond was not proposed for removal in the original project approvals. Its inclusion now is a reaction to hydrologic problems created by Portland Water Bureau's construction activities, not a bona fide restoration effort. The increased flood risk exists because PWB fundamentally altered site conditions while maintaining that no additional water would be generated or discharged into Johnson Creek.

That claim is indefensible given the scale of impervious surface created during construction. Lined ponds, roads, parking areas, and facilities have replaced permeable land, accelerating runoff and delivery of water to the creek. The resulting impacts cannot be erased by relabeling destruction as restoration.

The County has a responsibility under the Significant Water Resources overlay to prevent further degradation of Johnson Creek. At a minimum, *all work associated with this permit should be paused* until independent oversight is in place and all appeals related to the project and its permits have been fully exhausted.

Thank you for accepting these comments.

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