

Standard Operating Procedure for Management of Culmback Dam Wood

The following management steps outline the current policy and procedures for addressing wood that accumulates on the face and within the forebay of Culmback Dam pursuant to the License Article 404 Side Channel Enhancement and Large Woody Debris Plan (Section 2.2.1.2.1).

1. On an annual basis, the District will “skim” the forebay at Culmback Dam, collect and temporarily stockpile woody debris at the staging area along the north side of the forebay. This operation will occur during the summer months and when the reservoir is near full pool.
2. Stockpiled wood will be photographed and described as to amount and general size distribution.
3. If the ARC identifies a specific need within the Sultan River or its side channels, the stockpiled wood will be assessed for suitable application.
4. If no specific need is identified by July 31, a “notice of availability” bulletin will be posted to the District’s web site and sent to resource agencies and non-profits doing restoration work in the Snohomish Basin.
5. If there is expressed interest in the woody debris, the District will load the accumulated wood into the agency’s / non-profit’s truck(s) at the staging site on a specified date to be transported at the expense of the agency / non-profit. Any wood staged and not taken on the specified date will be loaded and transported at the District’s expense to the Trout Farm Road release site located in the alluvial portion of the lower Sultan River.
6. On occasion, wood may also selectively be used for specific wildlife resource applications if not deemed suitable for the side channel projects or for use in the Basin.