



City of Seattle

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Construction Notice

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Cedar River Access Facility

PROJECT

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is developing an access trail to the Cedar River upstream of I-405, across from Renton's Cedar River Park. The trail will function as a public access to the Cedar River for recreational use and in the fall (September to early December), SPU will use the trail to load adult sockeye salmon into hauling trucks for the Cedar River Sockeye Hatchery. On the north side of the river, a new walkway will be installed along with two interpretive signs describing the different fish species in the Cedar River and native habitats and plants. On the south side of the river, there will be a viewing area and an informational kiosk.

SPU and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) collect a portion of the adult sockeye salmon for the Cedar River Sockeye Hatchery. The City of Renton supports this project because it will enhance the population of sockeye salmon and is working with SPU to balance this goal with the need to preserve Renton's recreational facilities.

DESCRIPTION

The access will provide a paved corridor from the Cedar River Trail down to the Cedar River. The improvements will provide SPU with river access from September to early December to collect adult sockeye salmon for the Cedar River Sockeye Hatchery.

SCHEDULE

The expected timeline of the project is as follows:

- Construction of paved trail, sidewalk, viewing area, and kiosk - spring 2009
- Interpretive signs – summer 2009
- Weed Removal - summer 2009
- Landscaping and shoreline restoration - fall 2009

The collection and transportation of adult sockeye salmon via this river access is expected to begin in September 2009.

Hours of construction work will be from Monday – Friday, 7 am to 3 pm
Hatchery staff will be on site 24 hours a day during sockeye collection operations. Sockeye collection will usually occur Monday - Friday, 7:30 am to 5 pm.

LOCATION

The project is located in the City of Renton on the north and south banks of the Cedar River directly upstream from Interstate I-405. Most of the work will occur on the south bank, across from Cedar River Park.

CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

- Limited or restricted parking
- Construction traffic and equipment will be present
- For public safety reasons, access to the site will be limited during construction
- The Cedar River Trail will have a paved detour path in place during construction

For more information about this project, contact:

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