Pilchuck River Assessment

To learn more about the health of the river

May 2016
Over the past several years, the Pilchuck River has experienced some of its highest floods on record. To learn more about how these high flows have affected the river, Snohomish County Public Works will be assessing approximately 8.6 miles of the river between OK Mill Road and the end of the Pilchuck River where it connects with the Snohomish River.

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**Assessment**

Staff will be collecting data to assess the river’s current state and how it has changed over time and continues to change. Data collection will include:

- Areas of recent bank erosion
- Width and depth of the river channel
- Sediment size and location
- Shape of the channel and slope of the bank

**Assessment findings will:**

- Help us gather information to be able to advise area residents and homeowners on how to best protect land from flooding and erosion while maintaining a healthy river for fish and wildlife
- Provide information for potential future projects

**What to Expect**

Residents along the river may notice Snohomish County Public Works personnel boating or walking through the Pilchuck River. Unless residents are contacted by the county to request permission to access their property, staff will stay in the river channel and will not travel on or through residents’ upland property.

Personnel can be identified by their orange or yellow vests and/or chest waders, and should have their Snohomish County identification available.

**Timeframe**

The work will take several days, and will occur between May and September 2016 during the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (work hours and days may vary depending on weather and river conditions).

**Contact Us**

For more information on the study, visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/LowerPilRiverAssmt](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/LowerPilRiverAssmt). If you have questions or comments, or if you have information that could contribute to the study, please contact Lisa Tario at Lisa.Tario@snoco.org or 425-388-3079.