

AWV Draft EIS Comment Form Results:

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Project Comments:

I looked through the draft EIS and saw no details on how the new seawall would improve smolt passage in the Duwamish River esuary (Elliot Bay). The original seawall made no attempt to help smolt passage and consequently, some of the salmon affected by the seawall are endangered species. Any new seawall should bring smolt passage back to pre-seawall days so the salmon runs can return to normal over the life span of the new seawall. Fix the screwup or let downtown crumble into the bay. If we cannot afford to make a salmon friendly seawall, we cannot afford to do the project.

Comments apply to:
Seawall

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The 2004 Draft EIS did not contain information on changes to the seawall to improve juvenile salmon passage, other than moving the seawall landward, and the conceptual habitat improvements identified in Appendix R, Attachment D. The seawall design team evaluated means to improve habitat conditions for migrating juvenile salmonids along the Seattle shoreline. However, returning the shoreline to historic natural conditions is not compatible with existing land and water uses and land ownership, nor is it a purpose of the project or warranted to mitigate for project effects.

Please note that the lead agencies have identified the Bored Tunnel Alternative as the preferred alternative. Replacing the Elliott Bay Seawall would be a separate project if the Bored Tunnel Alternative is selected, because the failing seawall does not have the potential to affect the seismic stability of this alignment. However, if another build alternative is selected, the seawall would be replaced as part of this project and its design will be carefully considered. Please see Chapter 3 in the Final EIS for a description of the current configuration for each proposed build alternative for the project.