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Dear Mr. Aron Barok:

Per your request, I have reviewed the list of streams and stream sections in the Tualatin watershed that you provided to determine native trout spawning and rearing use. My response to each is as follows:

Beaverton Creek – spawning and rearing habitat exists from confluence with Rock Creek upstream to at least Highway 217, and includes many small tributaries like Golf Creek and Walker Creek etc.

Bronson Creek – Spawning and rearing habitat exists from confluence with Beaverton Creek upstream to Saltzman Road.

Cedar Mill Creek - Spawning and rearing habitat exists from confluence with Beaverton Creek upstream to a series of falls at the Cornell Road crossing.

Chicken Creek (RM 0-2.7) – Spawning and rearing habitat for native trout exists in the reach.

Dairy Creek (RM 0-10.1) – This reach only provides migratory and juvenile salmonid rearing habitat, but due to gradient and soft sediment substrate trout spawning does not exist

Dawson Creek (RM 0-4.1) – provides primarily rearing habitat but some spawning is possible.

Johnson Creek (RM 2.1-4) - Spawning and rearing habitat exists.

McKay Creek (RM 0-15.7) – Intermittent spawning and rearing habitat exists.

Tualatin River (RM 0-62.6) – This reach is predominantly a salmon and trout migratory corridor, and due to gradient and substrate does not provide spawning opportunity for resident trout and/or salmon/steelhead rearing.

Nyberg Creek (RM 0-1.3) – This stream only provides rearing and refugia habitat to trout and other salmonids produced in other stream systems in the Tualatin.

I hope this satisfies DEQ's information needs for resident trout spawning and rearing habitat use in these subbasins of the Tualatin River. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you need additional information or clarification on the information provided. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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