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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024 10:00 AM  
**To:** Casey Mauck  
**Cc:** Brittany Gillia  
**Subject:** RE: City of Olympia - Notice of Land Use Application and Public Meetings - 24-6458  
 WaFd Bank Olympia

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Hello Casey,

Thank you for providing me the two weeks for the report review. After reviewing the report, we do have some comments/concerns with the report. To summarize the bigger comments: We are not sure why only one trench was excavated in the project area when the project area or adjacent area had a reported pre-contact/ethnohistoric site in prior to 1890s, the report is lacking a map identifying the location of the trench, the trench location in relation to the 1887 shoreline is not identify or mentioned, the discussion about the shellfish deposit encountered between 35 to 39 inches below ground surface needs either more research or further investigation (the pictures sent contained crushed and heavily cracked shellfish which is suggesting that this is a cultural deposition of midden and not a natural die off of shellfish). I look forward to trying to work with the cultural resource contractor to address my comments. My full comments are below:

Section	Page Number	Paragraph	Sentence	Comment	Severity of Comment

Regulatory	1	1	2	As stated on the Department of Ecology's for Environmental Checklist "DAHP and others provide technical expertise and may issue formal opinions to local governments and other state agencies regarding impacts". The current statement does not include expertise of the consulting tribes on this project.	High
Area of Potential Impact	3	1	1	Please include total depth of excavation	Medium
Correspondence	7	1	2	We (Squaxin CRD) never had any notification with the applicant, it was the City that consulted regarding my office regarding this building proposal (3/17/2023)	Low
Historic	13	3	4	I think this is supposed to be Capitol Way, modern City of Olympia does not have a Olympia Way, that I am aware of.	Low

Historic	14	2	2	Please do note that several Squaxin Island Tribal members lived in Shantytown/Little Hollywood as well.	Low
Land Use History	14	1	1	This area also had an important pre-contact to ethnohistoric cultural resource prior to 1890s.	High
OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTATIONS	32	8	1	I think this assumption is not accurate. Often times, when intact midden deposits are identified in Olympia, they below the fill layer (downtown core/Capitol Lake generally have 2ft to 3.5 ft of fill). We have seen intact cultural resources sites below fill layers such as TN522, TN519, TN526, TN271, TN241, and TN233.	High
FIELD INVESTIGATIONS	33	2	All	Where is the location of the trench in relation to the project and the 1887 shoreline?	High

FIELD INVESTIGATIONS	33	2	All	Why was only one trench conducted for this project, especially knowing that there was a known pre-contact to ethnohistoric site that use to be in or near the project area.	High
FIELD INVESTIGATIONS	33	3	5	While I do acknowledge that FCR and debitage (which is uncommon to find in middens) was never identified, I think more research or more investigations need to occur before making this determination between this being a natural vs cultural deposit of shellfish. The photos provided show several smashed Littlenecks and Olympia Oysters which is what I would expect for a cultural deposition of shellfish. Additionally, the matrix is very similar to other cultural resource shell middens on the Olympia Peninsula.	High
FIELD INVESTIGATIONS	33	General	General	Please provide a map identifying the trench location	High

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	43	General	General	At the moment, we cannot concur with archaeological monitoring until more research or additional investigation is conducted in the area. Especially regarding the potential midden deposit.	High
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Definitely. Thanks Shaun.

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Hello Casey,

Thanks for providing the report. Can you give me two weeks (till 12/3/24) for review of the report?



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Hi Shaun,

Thanks for reaching out. Yes – this application does include a cultural resource report (attached). I would love to get your comments on the report. What is a reasonable deadline for your review? I’m cc’ing Brittany Gillia, our historic preservation specialist, here to keep her in the loop.

Thanks,

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Hello Casey,

We are aware that a cultural resource investigation occurred on this parcel. Has a cultural resource report been written and submitted to the DAHP for this project? We are particularly concerned because we believe that the cultural resource contractor encountered either an ethno-historic or early historic shell midden deposit in the project area. If a report had been written, can you please share this report for my office's review?

Thank you,



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The City of Olympia has issued the following **Notice of Land Use Application and Public Meetings** for the project known as **WaFd Bank Olympia** located at **406 Water St SW**.

PROJECT: 24-6458

See the above attachments for further details.

Please forward questions and comments you may have regarding this project to the staff contact listed below:

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