



**WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**
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State of Washington

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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: BUSH POINT LAUNCH AND PARKING AREAS

Description of Proposal: The proponent plans on replacing an old steel rail launch with a concrete and articulated concrete block boat launch 20 feet wide (with 8-foot-wide curtain edges on each side), and 112 feet long with 8 feet wide floats anchored with 8 pre-cast piles. A bait shop will be replaced, and two paved ADA van-accessible parking spaces and a staging area will be created. Mitigation for impacts to surf smelt spawning will include adding additional spawning area at a site on Penn Cove. A bulkhead will also be removed at the mitigation site.

The proponent shall incorporate the following mitigation measures into the project:

General Conditions:

1. The Penn Cove mitigation site will be created prior to installation of the Bush Point launch.
2. Notification of adjacent landowners that work will begin two weeks prior to the start of construction of the Bush Point launch is recommended (i.e., news release, flyers, or other notification).
3. If it is found that this project impacts the beach sport fishery next to the construction site, it is recommended that WDFW look for other beaches close by to mitigate any losses to this fishery.

(77.55.100(1)(b); WAC 220-11-020(54)(56); WAC 220-110-250; WAC 220-110-290 and WAC 220-110-300):

Monitoring and Contingency Plans:

4. Development of a monitoring and contingency plan of the Penn Cove mitigation site, including corrective actions that will be taken if mitigation developments do not meet goals and objectives is required.
5. Plans for reestablishment of riparian vegetation in case of failure must be included in the contingency plan.
6. A schedule for surf smelt spawning surveys, provided by WDFW's regional Fish Program, needs to be included as part of the monitoring plan.
7. The plan needs to be provided to the District Area Habitat Biologist prior to issuance of a Hydraulic Project Approval.

Performance Measures:

8. Performance Measures (based on replication of natural conditions that support important

ecological functions and processes for fish life):

- a. A post-construction survey and written report will include documentation (i.e., photos) that:
 1. The stated amount of material in the SEPA Checklist and JARPA was removed.
 2. The size and shape of the area designed for mitigation (sloping the Penn Cove beach for surf smelt spawning and other marine life) was followed.
- b. Annual vegetation surveys and written report over a three-year period will include documentation (i.e., photos) that:
 1. Vegetation was established,
 2. Native species are the predominant species, and
 3. Vegetation is providing shade for fish life.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Engineering Division, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091. Attention: Glenn F. Gerth P.E. or Kristen Kuykendall, Project Engineer

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Whidbey Island at Bush Point, Southwest Corner of Spyglass and First Street, Northeast Corner of Sandpiper Lane and Beach Drive, Freeeland, Washington, Island County; Section 06, Township 29 North, Range 02 East WM

Mitigation Site: Whidbey Island at Penn Cove, Approximately 382 North Madrona Way, Coupeville, Washington, Island County, Section 31, Township 32 North, Range 01 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

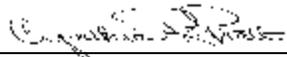
This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **December 19, 2002**

Responsible Official: Cynthia R. Pratt

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e-mail: habitatSEPA@dfw.wa.gov if you have questions or comments about this determination.

DATE OF ISSUE: December 6, 2002 **SIGNATURE:**  _____

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