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**REVISED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has considered comments received on the original Threshold Determination for this project and is providing additional information that may be of interest to other agencies or the public. The information provided does not substantially change the analysis of the significant impacts in the existing environmental checklist.

**Name of Proposal:** EVERGREEN SPORTSMAN CLUB SHOOTING PRESERVE FOR DOG TRAINING AND TRIALS

**Description of Proposal:** The proponent plans on setting up an area to provide dog training and dog trials for hunters. Non-native birds will be released at the site.

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

1. Field fencing shall replace the existing boundary fencing between the Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve (MMNAP) and the Evergreen Sportsman Club to reduce the chance of dogs straying onto the preserve. The fencing should have wire strung close enough to the ground and spaced so that the chances of dogs, and some non-native birds, from getting into the preserve are substantially reduced.
2. Roemer's fescue and/or other native prairie plant species shall be planted in areas that have been mowed.
3. Directing activities away from the MMNAP should be attempted to reduce noise levels and reduce the chances of non-native species from entering the preserve.
4. Retrieving released birds at the end of the activity is encouraged.

In addition, the following changes have been made to the initial SEPA Checklist, dated 1/22/03,

#11. Description of Proposal

Non-native birds will be released. When birds are placed in brush, the spot is marked until after the dog points. Proponent will attempt to retrieve birds later.

B.#5(d) Animals

Will attempt to mow Broom and seed with native grasses if possible.

B#7(b)(1) Noise.

There may be increases in noise by barking dogs and maybe increased gunshots if there is more use caused by the dog trials. However, gun activities already occur on the property.

B.#8(a). Land and Shoreline Use.

The adjacent property includes the MMNAP and the Capital Forest Mima Falls Trailhead.

B.#8(e). The MMNAP has been listed by the Thurston County Planning Department as a “sensitive area” designation under their Comprehensive Plan.

B.#8(l). Since the handlers will be in competition, it is to their benefit to control their dogs to prevent entrance onto the preserve. See also Mitigation Measures.

B.#12(a) Recreation.

Besides the Capitol Forest, the Mima Falls trailhead and the Mima Mounds Natural Preserve are nearby.

B.#12(c) Measures to reduce impacts.

Besides the Mitigation Measures above, the Club will stress to handlers that they need to avoid having their dogs get on the preserve.

B.#13(a) Historic and Cultural Preservation;

Mima Mounds is a National Natural Landmark. The white-topped aster-Roemer’s fescue community is listed in the Washington Natural Heritage Plan. The Mima Mounds is a unique high-quality Puget prairie and is protected.

**Proponent:** Evergreen Sportsman Club, 12736 Marksman Road Southwest, Olympia, Washington 98516.

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** 12736 Marksman Road Southwest, Olympia, Washington, Thurston County; Portions of Sections 03 and 04, Township 17 North, Range 03 West 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.

**There is no comment period for the Revised DNS.**

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