



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
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Name of Proposal: CHIMACUM CREEK ESTUARY RESTORATION PROJECT (Revised)

Description of Proposal: Inter-tidal and nearshore habitat restoration within Port Townsend Bay for the improvement of habitat for shellfish, forage fish, and salmon. The scope of the proposed work includes the removal of an existing rock bulkhead, excavation and re-grading of nearshore fill, and placement of large woody debris.

Approximately 21,000 cubic yards of nearshore fill and waste wood material located in the upper layer of soil will be hauled offsite to an approved waste facility. After the upper layer of soil has been removed, approximately 43,880 cubic yards of clean granular sediment will remain. It will be re-graded to a natural slope toward the beach, with the excess clean material placed along the existing bluff to serve as a "recruitment berm". The recruitment berm will provide a long-term source of marine sediment to the beach, allowing estuarine landforms to develop over time. The amount of material excavated will total 65,000 cubic yards.

The goal of the project is to improve shoreline habitat conditions for migrating juvenile salmonid, including ESA listed Hood Canal summer chum and Puget Sound Chinook. In addition, we expect benefits to habitat for other natural resources (e.g. forage fish & shellfish) from this project.

Elements of this project are to:

- Remove the nearshore fill to restore the nearshore area to its original predevelopment condition.
- Road abandonment
- Remove power line and poles
- Remove a concrete shed
- Preserve old dilapidated wooden jail building (Circa 1890s)
- Construct protection berm around neighboring property to prevent erosion on that property.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Engineering Division, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091. Contact Person: Curtis Wambach 360/902-8426

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Southwestern end of Port Townsend Bay near the community of Irondale, Washington, Jefferson County; Section 35, Township 30 North, Range 01 West WM The WDFW property extends along the shore parallel from approximately 200 feet south of East Moore Street, north to the Chimacum Creek outlet. The property extends in the cross-shore direction from the tidelands shoreward up to the nearshore bluff or a width of approximately 500 feet. The property located to the south is owned by Jefferson County and is

the site of a County Park.

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: **April 29, 2004**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: April 15, 2004 **SIGNATURE:**



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