



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

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State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Name of Proposal: FOX ISLAND NET PENS

Description of Proposal:

The scope of work to be completed by this contract includes the removal and disposal of (32) five thousand pound concrete ecology blocks located in 35 to 45 feet of salt water at the former WDFW Fox Island Net Pens location in Pierce County. It is assumed underwater diving will be needed to remove the blocks.

Owner (WDFW) will provide HPA permit for anchor block removal. Permit will allow for lifting of blocks, but not for hydraulic jetting of blocks or any activities that will disturb soil under blocks. Removal of blocks must comply with HPA permit conditions.

Contractor is to locate and mark the locations of the anchor blocks for removal, using the attached drawings for reference. Contractor is to remove 32 (thirty two) 5,000 lb ecology block anchors from depths of 35' to 45'. Contractor is to haul and dispose of the blocks offsite in an area approved by the owner. Contractor is required to provide documentation for proof of disposal in WDFW approved disposal or recycle facility.

Recommended manner of removal is to drill and place lifting pins in sides of blocks, then hoist blocks to surface for placement on barge. No dredging or fill will occur with the removal of these structures. No disturbance of the sediment will occur other than releasing marine bottom habitat for marine organisms. The anchors will be lifted vertically from the bottom to the barge with minimal environmental disturbance.

Contractor shall supply all equipment necessary to complete the work.

Concrete "ecology block" anchor system consists of 16 (sixteen) sets of two 5,000 lb ecology blocks each, for a total of thirty two blocks. Anchor sets are situated in a rectangular array. The East and West Sides are each 5 sets of blocks approximately 40 feet apart from each other in a straight line running 160 feet roughly north and south. The north and south sides are each 3 sets of blocks approximately 40 feet apart from each other in a straight line running 80 feet roughly east and west. Anchor sets are located in depths varying from 35 feet to 45 feet.

Note: Concrete blocks had steel cable eyes for connecting to anchor chains. These eyes have corroded to failure and are not usable for lifting.

Note: Currents in the fox island area can be extremely fast. All work would be planned with the tide and currents factored in.

The nearest public access ramp is located at the south end of the Fox Island Bridge.

Proponent:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any:

The site is located near Shorewood Beach and the Fox Island Bridge on the northeastern end of Fox Island, Washington. The site is located within Section 35, Township 21 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: **April 17, 2006**

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DATE OF ISSUE: April 3, 2006 **SIGNATURE:**

