



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

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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

**Name of Proposal:** TENNANT LAKE PARKING LOT

**Description of Proposal:** The Tennant Lake Wildlife Area has a high level of use for recreational waterfowl hunting. Hunters currently park on the north side of Slater Road and access the wildlife area on both the north and south side of the road for hunting. Hunters and dogs cross Slater Road both in the early morning and late evening when it is dark. A public hazard exists for pedestrians crossing the road as this corresponds to the time when Slater Road has a high volume of high speed vehicle use due to factory traffic (oil refinery and aluminum plant). The proposal is to provide an additional parking lot on the south side of the road to allow for hunters and their dogs to park on the side of Slater Road where they intend to access the wildlife area.

The area delineated for parking is located between a riparian restoration area planted in 2003 and the county road. Construction sequence will be as follows: (1) remove 8 inches topsoil in defined area; (2) grade access road and parking area and compact; (3) construct storm water infiltration trench and ponds (4) lay down geotextile fabric; (5) place 12 inch layer of ballast rock covered with 2 inches of top coarse; (6) install 25-foot swinging gate for field access; and (7) install bollard and cable perimeter barrier

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Priority Habitats and Species database has been reviewed for the area to determine if there are endangered, threatened, or other priority species in the vicinity. A cultural resource survey was completed in November of 2005 with no findings.

**Proponent:**

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** The project is located approximately 2 mile southeast of Ferndale and east of the Nooksack River on the Tennant Lake Wildlife Area. The parking lot will be on the south side of Slater Road across from an existing parking lot, the entrance to the parking lot is about 0.1 mile from the Nooksack River bridge, Whatcom County parcel number 380205-445489-0000, Washington, Whatcom County; of Section 05, Township 38 North, Range 02 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: **June 05, 2006**

**Responsible Official:** Teresa A. Eturaspe

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