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OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
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Name of Proposal: PARK SLOUGH CHANNEL REPAIR

Description of Proposal: Park slough was constructed more than 15 years ago to provide habitat for salmon. During the flood of October 2003, approximately 300 linear feet of the channel was buried with fine sediment to a depth of approximately 6 inches (approximately 60 cubic yards), which has greatly reduced the potential productivity of the site. The intent of this project is to remove fine sediment from the bed of the channel to increase the amount of high quality spawning habitat available to salmon. Construction work will involve using a tracked excavator or dozer to remove fine material from approximately the upper 200 linear feet of the channel (approximately 40 cubic yards). The material will be moved to a stable waste site away from the channel. In addition, approximately 90 cubic yards of rock will be placed on an existing berm protecting the channel from floods. This berm is not within the ordinary high water mark of the Park Slough channel or the Skagit River, and the new rock will not alter the height or function of the berm. It will be used to armor the damaged sections of the berm to limit further erosion of fine sediment into the Park Slough channel during very large flow events.

Proponent: Skagit River System Cooperative
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Left bank of the Skagit River, on National Park Service land, Newhalem, Washington, Skagit County; of NE ¼ of Section 31, Township 27 North, Range 12 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: July 26, 2006

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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