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OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
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Name of Proposal: ROSS UPPER CHIMACUM CREEK HABITAT IMPROVEMENT

Description of Proposal: Creek is clogged with reed canary grass, which is causing low dissolved oxygen levels, juvenile fish passage problems during low water, and high water levels in farm fields, affecting drainage of adjacent farmland. Canary grass will be removed by excavator/ backhoe from 1900' of creek channel (800 cu yds.). Logs will be placed to improve habitat and in-stream diversity. This reach of creek is a ditch that was excavated in 1920's to allow farming and has no woody debris in the entire reach. The reach is currently used by salmonids for winter rearing, but it dries up in the summer, trapping juveniles in canary grass. Livestock have access to creek currently- removal of canary grass will allow creek fencing and riparian planting which will follow in stream project. Project will improve water quality and salmon habitat.

Proponent: Mark Ross, 20487 Viking Way, Poulsbo, WA 98370

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 657 Old Eaglemount Road, Port Townsend, Washington, Jefferson County; 1/4 of Section 31, Township 29 North, Range 01 WestWM

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 28, 2006**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: July 14, 2006 **SIGNATURE:** 