



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: SUNKEN BARGE REMOVAL – LUMMI QUARRY

Description of Proposal:

The project consists of removing a sunken barge that currently rests on the bottom at the shoreline of Smuggler’s Cove on Lummi Island. The plan is to begin removing this vessel by using cutting torches and removing the stern at the shoreline and then using a crane to remove this metal and relocate it to another barge for shipment to the mainland for salvage. Once the stern is removed the barge will then be moved toward shore where the next section will be cut and removed. This method will continue until the bow of the vessel has been removed and all remnants are recovered in order to restore the shoreline to its natural state. A floating boom containment system will be used to ensure that we capture any debris that might escape the barge during this process to guarantee that no debris escapes Smuggler’s Cove. Lummi Rock LLC would also provide a “spotter” who would be watching the removal activity focusing on the environmental effects of the initiative and notifying all parties at work on the project if any negative environmental impacts are observed.

Proponent/Applicant :

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Location of Proposal: Smuggler’s Cove, Lummi Island Whatcom County; Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 37 North, Range 01 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are

invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **August 17, 2011**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE:

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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