



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: INVASIVE CATTAIL CONTROL PROJECT - SKAGIT WILDLIFE AREA

Description of Proposal:

The project involves controlling invasive cattail (*Typha angustifolia* and *T. x glauca*) on approximately 650 acres of intertidal salt marsh at the Skagit Wildlife Area. Invasive cattail colonizes native marsh and mudflats and quickly forms stands which are not good habitat for fish, waterfowl, and other wildlife. Control will be accomplished through using mechanical methods such as using Marshmasters, underwater weed cutters, airboats, and brush cutters to crush and cut invasive cattail. Repeated cutting over three years has been shown to be effective at reducing cattail and allowing native marsh plants to recolonize the site. In addition, aquatic herbicides (i.e. imazpyr, glyphosate) will be used to treat invasive cattail under WSDA's Aquatic Noxious Weed NPDES (WAG993000) where mechanical treatments are impractical, or unfeasible. Applications will be made using the airboat, Marshmaster and by foot.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Skagit Wildlife Area, Washington, Skagit County; Sections 25, 26, 35, 36, Township 33 North, Range 03 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 **September 16, 2013**.

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: August 30, 2013

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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