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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS #13-075 MARINE SHORELINE DESIGN GUIDELINES (PUGET SOUND)

Description of Proposal:

Marine Shoreline Design Guidelines (MSDG) is a guidance document for the assessment and design of marine shoreline protections measures for Puget Sound. Shoreline armoring – such as bulkheads and seawalls – has become a significant environmental issue on Puget Sound. Armoring influences beaches on the shoreline, alters coastal ecology, and reduces the resilience of the coast to rising sea level. “Protecting Nearshore Habitat and Functions in Puget Sound” (EnviroVision et al. 2007), states that planners should enforce or encourage the use of alternative design methods in nearshore development projects to avoid and minimize environmental impacts. Currently, there is no comprehensive document to provide a technical foundation for the design of alternatives to rock and concrete bulkheads and the myriad of other projects, including bulkhead removal and coastal restoration, which are proposed for our shores. This document will provide engineering design concepts for soft and hard shore protection projects for use throughout Puget Sound. This document does not cover the restoration of nearshore and estuarine habitats.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Location of Proposal, Any Puget Sound Shoreline in Whatcom, Skagit, San, Juan, Island, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Thurston, Mason, Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam Counties in Washington

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 **November 21, 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: November 6, 2013

SIGNATURE: 

Footnotes

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

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