



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 14-053: TENNANT LAKE BOARDWALK MAINTENANCE

Description of Proposal:

The water surface of Tennant Lake is now overtopping the existing boardwalk at the WDFW Tennant Lake Access site. Portions of the walkway are inaccessible to the public for most of the year. This project will perform maintenance to the boardwalk in six sections to raise the level of the boardwalk, and install ADA access feature. One repair includes replacing the walkway at the entrance of the boardwalk to Tennant Lake, including the entry gate, railings, and boards on a bridge.

The remaining repairs include raising the level of the boardwalk, repairing the boards, and installing curbing and railings in five sections. Along with replacing boardwalk walkway, sections of grated fiberglass decking with 73% open space will be installed to allow light to penetrate underneath the boardwalk. Please refer to the project drawings for more detailed information.

The project was reviewed by the WDFW archaeologist, who conducted an assessment of the likelihood that the project would encounter archaeological resources. The assessment was based on archival review, an understanding of local expressions of precontact and historic era settlement patterns and a consideration of the scope and nature of the proposed project. As the project anticipates only incidental of low volume disturbance and will take place within the demonstrated vertical and horizontal limits of previous construction or disturbance, the likelihood that the project would encounter archaeological materials is extremely low.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Tennant Lake Access site, Ferndale, Whatcom County, Washington: Township 39N, Range 2E, Section 32.

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. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on August 14, 2014.**

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: Lisa Wood

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 Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

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SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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