



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 14-064: DOUGLAS CREEK DREDGING

Description of Proposal:

This project aims to restore stormwater conveyance in Douglas Creek between Old Pacific Highway and the sea dike tidegates into Skagit Bay, pursuant to the recommendations arising from a recent Snohomish County Surface Water Management drainage analysis. It consists of cleaning a 7,000-foot, silted-up stretch of the creek (shown in the attached drawing) to the original depth, by removing accumulated upland sediment with a hydraulic excavator. The ditch spoils will then be spread onto the adjacent agricultural fields. The project is expected to take four to five days and remove an estimated 1500-2000 cubic yards of sediment.

Proponent/Applicant: Drainage and Diking Improvement District #7
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Douglas Creek between Old Pacific Highway and the tidegates, 0.4 miles north of Stanwood, Snohomish County, Washington: Township 32N, Range 3E, Section 14.

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 September 25, 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.

DATE OF ISSUE: September 10, 2014

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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