



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 16-033: WEAVER CREEK REALIGNMENT

Description of Proposal:

This project proposes to realign Weaver Creek to join Purdy Creek. The existing Weaver Creek channel is blocked by gravel which has spilled out of the Skokomish River. This blockage is preventing fish migration and is causing anoxic water conditions, toxic to fish. This stream realignment will restore fish passage and correct this water quality deficiency.

1760 CY of material will be excavated from the new channel and then placed to form 10 planting mounds. The channel excavation shall be isolated by leaving earthen plugs in place at the inlet (Weaver Creek) and outlet (Purdy Creek) until all other construction is completed. The plugs will be removed slowly, beginning with the downstream plug, to prevent excess sedimentation of surface water. The planting mounds will be stabilized with seed and mulch and then planted with native riparian vegetation.

Proponent/Applicant: Mason Conservation District
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Near Weaver Creek Bridge on East Bourgault Road, north of Shelton, Mason County, Washington: Township 21N, Range 4W, Section 14.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). This is a project on tribally-owned lands, funded by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. WDFW is the SEPA lead agency because an HPA is required, but Mason County is not requiring any permits.

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 July 13, 2016**.

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: June 29, 2016

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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