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**DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE, ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT STATEMENT, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF  
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Name of Proposal:** DS/Scoping and Adoption 19-036: DUCKABUSH ESTUARY  
RESTORATION

**Description of Proposal:**

WDFW, in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG), are proposing an estuary restoration project at the mouth of the Duckabush River. The estuary is currently compromised by fill, dikes, and road infrastructure, including Highway 101, which blocks channels and limits estuarine area available to fish and wildlife. The proposed project would reconnect the river to the floodplain and wetlands by modifying local roads and elevating Highway 101 onto a bridge spanning the estuary. Distributary channels would be re-established, habitat complexity increased, and riparian vegetation planted.

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**Location of Proposal:** Duckabush River Estuary, approximately mile 310 of U.S. Highway 101; Brinnon, Jefferson County, Washington: Township 25N, Range 2W, Section 16.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

**SEIS Required:** WDFW has determined that this proposal may have a significant adverse impact on the environment. We issued this Determination of Significance/Scoping/Adoption Notice under WAC 197-11-360, WAC 197-11-600, and WAC 197-11-620. WDFW is adopting an existing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and will prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) to provide additional information and analysis of environmental impacts. WDFW is also conducting scoping to narrow the scope of the SEIS to the probable impacts and reasonable alternatives, including mitigation measures, as well as to provide the public and other agencies an opportunity to comment on the content of the SEIS.

**Title and Date of Document being Adopted:** Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration: Final Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (Final IFR/EIS), July 2016.

**Agency that Prepared Document Being Adopted:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Seattle District, in collaboration with WDFW.

**Description of Document (or Portion) Being Adopted:** The entire contents of the Final IFR/EIS dated July 2016.

**If the Document Being Adopted has been Challenged, Please Describe:** N/A

**Lead Agency and Agency Adopting the Document:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

**The Document is Available to be Read at:**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Natural Resources Building,  
1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

This document is also available for review online at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/habitat-recovery/nearshore/conservation/projects/duckabush/sepa> under “NEPA Documents”.

**Adoption of Existing Environmental Document:** After independent review, we have identified and adopted the referenced document as being appropriate for this proposal. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

**Scoping:** Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the SEIS. You can comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required. We must receive your comments within 30 days of the date of this letter. The public comment period begins on June 27, 2019 and **will end at 5:00 pm on July 26, 2019.**

**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. Comments may be submitted any time during the 30-day comment period using one of the following methods:

- Online at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/habitat-recovery/nearshore/conservation/projects/duckabush/sepa> or <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>
- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Mail to the SEPA Responsible Official at:  
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WDFW Habitat Program, Protection Division  
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- Orally or in writing at the July 13, 2019, Public Scoping Meeting in Brinnon (details below)

**Public Scoping Meeting:** A public scoping meeting with WDFW staff in attendance will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 13, 2019, at the Brinnon School, 46 Schoolhouse Rd, Brinnon, WA. Both oral and written comments will be accepted at the meeting.

After the 30-day scoping period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa>.

If you have questions about this action, contact Lisa Wood at the address above, [SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov), or phone (360) 902-2260.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** June 27, 2019

**SIGNATURE:**



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