



State of Washington
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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 20-011: SKAGIT WILDLIFE AREA BOAT LAUNCH REPAIR

Description of Proposal:

WDFW has received a Boating Facilities Program grant for the replacement of the boat ramp at the Skagit Wildlife Area headquarters office on Freshwater Slough of the Skagit River. The new ramp will be 20 feet wide by 111 feet long. The width of the ramp will be comprised of 12 foot wide pre-cast concrete planks bordered on both sides by four foot wide articulated concrete mats with 20% open space. Also included will be a new ramp approach. The new ramp profile will be designed to be able to launch in all water elevations and the channel will be excavated to best manage ongoing river silting.

The boat launch will expand from 1120 feet² to 2220 feet².

The existing launch is 20 feet wide by 56 feet long and is constructed of precast planks. The ramp top ends on a bench that floods at higher flow making launching difficult. The approach crests on the dike with limited maneuvering space. The channel between the ramp and river varies in width and depth depending on silt, dredging and water elevations. Wetlands are located on all sides of the approach area.

In the parking area, a new ADA-accessible load platform would be constructed. The loading platform footing will disturb the parking area to a depth of two (2) feet.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Skagit Wildlife Area Boat Launch, 21961 Wylie Road, Mount Vernon, Skagit County, Washington: Township 33N, Range 3E, Section 25.

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 notice. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on February 27, 2020**.

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: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Habitat Program, Protection Division

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/closed-final>. 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: February 13, 2020

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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