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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 20-012: SKAGIT WILEY SLOUGH SPUR DIKE REPAIR

Description of Proposal:

The purpose of this project is to complete repairs and structural maintenance of the spur dike at the Skagit Wildlife Area Headquarters Unit. The spur dike needs repair and maintenance in order to continue to serve its purpose as part of the drainage infrastructure of Dike District #22 (Fir Island, Skagit County) and as the main public access trail at the Headquarters Unit following the Wiley Slough Restoration project. Specifically, portions of the dike are undermining, cracking, and settling, causing concerns about its long-term integrity as well as the safety of those recreating and working on the area. The dike has also been overtopped in areas during extremely high tides and would likely be overtopped during a flood event.

Repairs will consist of raising the dike by up to 1.5 feet in several locations so that it is uniformly level. This will involve 2 inches of grading of existing dike top gravel road surface using a grader and then adding dike material and gravel to the dike top. In addition, the southeasterly side of the dike will receive quarry spalls for erosion protection. An excavator will remove any vegetation and dig a 1.5-foot-deep key way at the toe of the dike. Fabric and quarry spalls will be added.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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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, Sections 25 and 26.

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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