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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 20-060: DEER LAKE ACCESS REDEVELOPMENT

**Description of Proposal:**

WDFW is proposing a project to improve the existing boat launch and existing facilities at the Deer Lake Access located in Island County, WA. The project area is approximately 7,000 sf and includes work both above and below OHWM. The work will include the removal of an existing concrete boat launch, installation of a pre-cast concrete boat launch, installation of an “L” shaped boarding float including three (3) 6’x21’ float sections and two (2) 8” steel pilings, asphalt paving the existing gravel parking area, adding ADA parking stalls, and maintenance and widening of the entry road. Ground disturbance will include excavation of 6” of the existing grade above the launch and excavation of 12” for the boat launch (See Cut/Fill Table on Sheet 5). The boat launch will include nine (9) 12’x4’ precast concrete planks and 42’x24 ft of articulated concrete mats (ACM) which will require a total footprint of 634 sq ft below OHWM and 162 sq ft above OHWM. A concrete float abutment (6’x9.5’) will be cast in place above OHWM and will anchor the float sections.

Mitigation

After the existing concrete launch and associated fill is removed, an ultra block curb will be installed and 10’x35’ (350 sf) of spawning gravels will be added to a depth of 4” along the shoreline and below OHWM. The curb is meant to prevent informal launching of boats along the shoreline area, increase pervious surface (+92 sf increase, after concrete is removed), and provide enhanced shoreline habitat for fish species, which include resident coastal cutthroat, largemouth bass and rainbow trout. This lake is stocked annually with rainbow trout. Large woody debris (LWD) will be placed along an area of shoreline at the south end of the site that is inaccessible to bank anglers due to existing vegetation. This LWD placement will be anchored in place to prevent it from floating into the lake and creating boating hazards. This LWD material is intended to create nearshore habitat and refugia for cutthroat and other fish species.

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** 4330 Bucktail Lane, Clinton, Island County, Washington: Township 29N, Range 3E, Section 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 law<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> **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 December 31, 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](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://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.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address above or email [SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov).

**DATE OF ISSUE:** December 17, 2020

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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