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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 20-062: EBHEY ISLAND ACCESS REDEVELOPMENT

Description of Proposal:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is proposing to re-develop an existing public parking area and access to Deadwater Slough on the WDFW owned Ebey Island Unit of Snoqualmie Wildlife Area. The site is a 5.41-acre parcel located within the larger 627-acre Ebey Island Unit, much of which is closed to public access for the protection of waterfowl nesting and rearing habitat during the non-hunting season. The Unit is open for pheasant and waterfowl hunting seasons and wildlife viewing and other recreational opportunities in designated areas. This project will provide an upgrade to an existing access meant for recreational opportunities for wildlife viewing and non-motorized boat use.

This project proposes to re-grade and gravel an existing hog-fuel parking lot, create two Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant parking spaces, install an ADA compliant wildlife viewing blind, install a hand-carry boat launch and landing, and create a 5 ft wide gravel trail to provide walking access to both the viewing blind and hand-carry boat launch.

Ground disturbance will occur at the parking area to a depth of 12 inches and at the hand-carry boat launch locations (both banks of Deadwater Slough) to a depth of 12 inches. No disturbance will occur below the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) of Deadwater Slough as the hand-carry boat launch and landing will be located above OHWM. The landing will occur on the south bank of Deadwater slough on a separate parcel of the Ebey Island Unit, owned by WDFW.

Total impervious surface will increase due to the development of an ADA designated parking spaces, ADA accessible path, gravel walking paths and proposed hand-carry boat launch and landing, which will add +1,727 sf of impervious surface. The total proposed impervious surface will be 17,613 sf.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 20th Street SE at 51st Avenue SE, Everett, Snohomish County, Washington: Township 29N, Range 5E, Section 27.

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 letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on January 14, 2021**.

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/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 above or email SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

DATE OF ISSUE: December 31, 2020

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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