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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 21-001: BURKE LAKE ACCESS REDEVELOPMENT

**Description of Proposal:**

WDFW proposes a project to renovate the Burke Lake access site located in Grant County on the Quincy Lakes Unit of the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area. This lake was rehabilitated in 2012 to eradicate Brown Bullhead and Black Crappie to restore the trout fishery. The primary recreational opportunity provided by this project is motorized boating and fishing. The scope of this project is to:

- Remove the existing concrete boat launch
- Install a new precast concrete boat launch and armor-flex mats
- Install a new ADA boarding float with deadman anchors
- Install a new cast in place concrete abutment
- Install a new ADA concrete sidewalk
- Asphalt pave the gravel parking lot
- Install mitigation planting are the East end of Burke Lake

Driven piles are not a feasible option for dock anchoring due to subsurface conditions; therefore, an alternative float anchor system design will be implemented. The boarding float system will connect to the onshore abutment using a gangway. Four submerged anchor blocks will secure and stabilize the boarding floats.

The new boat launch footprint will be lengthened by 10 feet and the existing prop-wash scour at the end of the ramp will be filled with quarry spalls. Armor-flex matting will be installed to prevent washout around the launch and maintain a stable shoreline. The new paved parking lot will include 13 trailer stalls. The existing shore fishing pad, concrete path, and vault toilet will remain and are not included in the scope of this redevelopment. This lake is not known to have a connection to other water bodies including the Columbia River. The outfall on the west end of the lake is considered to be a fish passage barrier. WDFW staff apply a piscicide (rotenone) annually to kill invasive fish species and allow stocked trout to thrive. Due to these reasons, it is not believed that any salmonid or ESA listed species are present in this Lake.

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Two locations within the Quincy Lakes Unit of the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area. The boat launch is located at: Burke Lake South, Road T Northwest, Quincy, Grant County, Washington: Township 19N, Range 23E, Section 15.

The mitigation planting will occur at: Road 3 Northwest, Quincy, Grant County, Washington: Township 19N, Range 23E, Section 23.

**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 January 21, 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](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:** January 7, 2021

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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