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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 21-053: WILEY DIKE REPAIR

Description of Proposal:

The project proposes to raise the elevation of the approximately 5,600 foot long Wiley Setback Dike by approximately 3 feet so that its new height will be 16.75 feet. The parking lot will be upgraded to comply with ADA standards and address the increased footprint of the dike. Access roads, ramps, and turnarounds will be modified as a part of this process and the tide gate will be retrofitted to allow for future maintenance of the structure. Additionally, 10,744 square feet of estuarine habitat will be restored due to the repositioning of the dike around the parking lot and the removal of bump-outs at the western and eastern ends of the dike.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 21957 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 letter. The comment period will end at 5:00 pm on November 16, 2021.

Method of Comment:

SEPA documents related to this proposal can be reviewed at the WDFW SEPA website at: http://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments.

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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 through one of the following ways:

• Online at the Public Input comment portal for this proposal: https://publicinput.com/X6707

• Email to X6707@publicinput.com.

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, or have difficulty with the Public Input comment portal, contact Lisa Wood at SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

DATE OF ISSUE: November 2, 2021 SIGNATURE: Low Wood

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)

2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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