DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 22-039: PATTERSON LAKE ACCESS REDEVELOPMENT

Description of Proposal:
The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) proposes to upgrade the Patterson Lake Access Area to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Project includes adding asphalt to the entry and area around vault toilet, replace the vault toilet, install precast concrete boat ramp planks and articulated concrete blocks for the boat ramp, a new floating dock with steel piles, repair an erosion issue impacting parking and shoreline, install logs parallel to the shore to prevent wave erosion, add fill to stabilize existing trees, and seed the new fill with grass to hold soil in place and create an inviting area under the trees.

WDFW proposes the following scope of work:

1. Construct in-water features as allowed by County, HPA and Corps permits.
2. Replace existing single stall vault toilet with a new double stall vault toilet in a slightly different location and meeting ADA standards.
3. Replace the existing gravel boat ramp with a pre-cast concrete plank one, this includes articulated concrete blocks on either side to prevent erosion under the ends of the new planks.
4. Install a new floating dock with one steel pile per section. The new dock will tie into a new concrete abutment, with a ramp to meet ADA standards.
5. Mitigate for the project impacts by treating milfoil at the site and ensuring tree survival.
6. Add and secure logs along the shoreline as shown in the plans. Add fill behind the logs (landward) to rebury the exposed tree roots, cover with coir and seed with grass.
7. Correct the erosion issue to the parking lot with new fill and contour to fit.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Patterson Lake Access Area, off Patterson Road, west of Winthrop, Okanogan County, Washington: Township 34N, Range 21E, Section 8.
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 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. 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 September 13, 2022.

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.

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/PattersonLakeAccess
- Email to: PattersonLakeAccess@PublicInput.com

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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.

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.

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

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