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Hello Nora,

Thank you for taking the time to review our SEPA DNS for the WDFW Riverfront Boat Access Replacement, your comments are appreciated. This project encompasses replacing the existing ramp within the same footprint and location with no increase to impervious surface and no work in the gravel parking lot; therefore, water quality impacts would not change as a result of this project. WDFW does not anticipate an increase in use as a result of this project. This project was developed in response to FEMA damage from storms in 2021 and is limited in what the scope will allow. WDFW is providing maintenance to replace the remaining part of the ramp to allow the upgrade to the current plank standards. Appropriate measures, such as a turbidity curtain, will be taken during construction to minimize the effects to water quality.

WDFW believes the concrete pad structure was originally installed as an ADA fishing platform and is looking into records to determine if its removal would trigger a concern with the original fund source that paid for its installation.

In-water fish work windows are not under the control of WDFW as an applicant; however, we will abide by fish windows set by other regulatory agencies.

All of SRSC's comments will be taken into consideration and forwarded to the Project Manager for consideration in project design.

Thank you,

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Hello Lisa,

I am providing written comments from SRSC, on behalf of the Swinomish and Sauk-Suiattle tribes in regard to SEPA DNS 23-009 to rebuild the Riverfront Boat Launch on the Skagit River near Sedro Woolley. I have also submitted these via the online portal today.

I understand that the state has determined the project will not have a likely significant adverse impact on the environment. We would like the state to consider the water quality impacts of the construction action and the ongoing use of the site by vehicles and boats, and consider grading that could mitigate water quality impacts to the river. In particular, we are considering the runoff from trucks, boats, and trailers and if that runoff and drip water could be captured and routed away from the river for informal treatment through swales or percolation. Alternative, please consider if the runoff could more formally be treated through engineered bioswales or other measures. This would ensure a minimization of impacts due to runoff and pollution.

Additionally, I notice there is a small concrete pad riverward of the boat launch that is noted in the site plans. What is the function of this pad? WDFW should consider removal of the pad if it is not directly supportive of the intent of the project, in order to minimize runoff and hardening of the Skagit River shoreline.

And finally, I expect an appropriate in-water fish window will be required for the project to ensure impacts to Skagit River fish are minimized.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this proposal. Please get in touch if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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