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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 23-023: SNOW CREEK RECONSTRUCT FACILITY

Description of Proposal:

Phase 1 (Demo): This part of the project is demolition only and is part of the larger re-development project. Demo includes:

- RV camp site utility hookups to be removed on entire site
- Boat house and lift to be removed
 - Will be cutting rails at beach/vegetation interface
 - Full rail removal will occur during Phase 3 (Rebuild)
- Remove all accumulated trash and dumping
- Demolish shack while leaving utility hookup in place
- Remove paved turnaround where present
- Demolish restroom and foundation after asbestos containing roof material removed
- Remove concrete bridge over Snow Creek
- All noted septic systems, lines, and drain field pipes to be removed

Phase 2 (Geotech): This project proposes geotechnical subsurface explorations to obtain up-to-date subsurface soil information at the project site for the Snow Creek Reconstruct Facility project near Neah Bay, Washington. The geotechnical subsurface exploration plan includes: (1) advancing three borings (B-1, B-2 and B-3); and (2) within the upland (above high tide line [HTL]) completing four test pits (TP-1, TP-2, TP-3 and TP-4), to capture the subsurface condition and identify the bearing layer to reduce the potential uncertainties in design and construction. Borings will be drilled to depths of about 30 feet using a track-mounted drill rig using a combination of hollow-stem auger and mud rotary drilling techniques. Samples will be collected on about 5-foot intervals using standard penetration test (SPT) samplers. Shelby tubes may be attempted if a significant thickness of soft soil is encountered. Borings B-1 and B-2, are located below the HTL and B-3 is located above HTL. A representative from GeoEngineers' staff will be present to direct the drilling, examine and classify the sediment and document a detailed log of each core. Upon completion of each exploration the boring will be backfilled with bentonite to within 3 inches of the surface and a final 3-inch layer of clean sand will be placed on the bentonite to prevent disturbed sediments from being transported. In addition to the borings, the proposed project includes completing up to four test pit explorations using a rubber-tired backhoe. Within these four test pits, the scope includes completing two small-scale Pilot Infiltration Tests (PIT) in accordance with the 2019 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SWMMWW) V-5.4. Each PIT will take approximately 8 hours to complete. The test pits will be backfilled with excavated soil and the material will be tamped, in place, with the backhoe bucket.

Based on our communication with potential contractors, we anticipate the explorations to be completed in 2 days. The proposed exploration schedule is outside of the in-water work window.

Phase 3 (Rebuild): The reconstruction of both the lower and upper sites will serve the same overall purpose as the original site. Full boat rail removal will occur during this phase. The lower site will consist of a new paved turn around with up to 13 car parking stalls, ADA parking, ADA CXT double toilet, elevated boat launch with up to three boarding floats, approximately 12 mooring buoys, up to 13 truck and boat trailer parking stalls, a boat wash down area and stormwater treatment. The upper site will consist of a paved turn around, up to 16 recreational vehicle sites, up to 10 camp sites, up to 14 truck and boat trailer parking stalls, ADA parking with ADA CXT double vault toilet, a dedicated site for the host, and a shed for the host to keep tools and supplies dry, and to re-establish a trail leading toward the lower site. Maintenance of the existing water screen/intake in Snow Creek will also occur during this phase.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Snow Creek Resort, 691 Hwy 112, Neah Bay, Clallam County, Washington: Township 33N, Range 14W, Section 17.

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, 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 June 13, 2023**.

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/SnowCreekReconstruct>
- Email to: SnowCreekReconstruct@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.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.

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SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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