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Re: Ebey Island Management Plan
File# DNS 24-005, Ecology SEPA# 202400582

Dear Lisa Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) determination of nonsignificance (DNS) for the Ebey Island Management Project. Based on review of the checklist associated with this project, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) has the following comments:

Ecology supports the Ebey Island Management Plan and encourages the restoration of wetlands in this area. Specifically, increasing hydrology in the fen wetland system, controlling reed canarygrass by regular mowing, conversion of emergent to forested vegetation, and using water control structures to enhance wetlands. I also encourage the public education aspects of this plan such as trails, non-motorized boat launches, and kiosks.

Thank you for considering these comments from Ecology. If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact Doug Gresham from the Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program at (425) 429-1846 or by email at doug.gresham@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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