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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 25-010: ELLIOT BAY FISHING PIER

**Description of Proposal:**

The Elliot Bay Fishing pier is a public access pier that is on the waterfront of Elliott Bay Park. After assessments in 2013 and 2018, the original Elliot Bay Fishing Pier was deemed structurally unsafe and closed in 2016. The original pier and the proposed new pier have the same intended use which is public access, fishing and related activities, and general recreation.

The project proposes to remove the existing structure and pilings and replace it with a new structure with a reduction in size, height and shading due to a smaller overwater coverage of 7,896 square feet, in addition to the associated pilings. The majority of the project is over water, with a small portion of the project consisting of the landing above the ordinary high-water mark (OWHM).

There will also be an uplands plaza adjacent to the overwater fishing pier and the overall project will include lighting, benches, bike racks, interpretive signage, ADA accessible use, and other typical additions supporting public pier use.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** The project site is located at the Elliott Bay Park waterfront in Seattle, WA. Address: 2711 Alaskan Way N. (Pier 86) Lat/Long: 47.373010 N, -122.221432 W. Township T25N, Range R03E, 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 law<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this determination. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this determination. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on March 31, 2025**.

**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/elliottbayfishingpier>
- Email to: [elliottbayfishingpier@publicinput.com](mailto:elliottbayfishingpier@publicinput.com)

**Responsible Official:** Jamie Lee

**Position/Title:** Acting 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.<sup>1</sup>

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](mailto:SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov).

**DATE OF ISSUE:** March 14, 2025      **SIGNATURE:** *Jamie Lee*

Footnotes

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

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