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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 25-019: SUNNYSIDE UNIT BRADY WETLAND
ENHANCEMENT

Description of Proposal:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife proposes to enhance wetland habitat at the Brady Wetland, which provides important habitat for waterfowl. Ducks Unlimited, Inc is providing design and permitting support for the project.

Currently, the wetland is predominantly dry compared to its historic conditions. The lack of hydrology delivered to the wetland has allowed invasive species such as *Phragmites* sp. To establish and spread, degrading the wetland's ecological function. Additionally, effective water management within the wetland is currently not possible due to a severely corroded and outdated water control structure (WCS). Giffin Lake, situated slightly northwest of the Brady Wetland, serves as the primary water source for the site.

The proposed project addresses two primary objectives: replace a WCS located at the south end of the Brady Wetland and construct a mosaic of habitats within the wetland to support waterfowl, shorebirds, and amphibians. The new WCS would allow for more precise and reliable water level management. Four habitat islands would be constructed using excavated material from the wetland itself. Excavations would be in areas now dominated by non-native and invasive reed canarygrass. These excavations would create slightly deeper areas within the wetland to prevent colonization by reed canarygrass, promoting diverse native vegetation and habitat conditions. The islands would serve as essential resting and feeding areas for a variety of wildlife species.

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Location of Proposal: The project is located on the Brady Wetland on the Sunnyside Unit of the WDFW Sunnyside-Snake River Wildlife Area, approximately 2 miles northwest of Mabton, Yakima County, Washington: Township 9N, Range 22E, Section 25.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c).

WDFW issued this Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under WAC 197-11-340. Agencies, 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 document. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on June 24, 2025.**

Method of Comment:

SEPA documents related to this proposal can be reviewed at the WDFW SEPA website at: [SEPA documents available for public comment | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#).

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA determinations. 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: [Sunnyside Wetland Enhancement](#)
- Email to: SunnysideWetlandEnhancement@PublicInput.com

After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this determination on the WDFW SEPA website: [Final SEPA documents | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#). After the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal.


Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA Responsible Official and SEPA/NEPA Coordinator
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If you have questions about this determination or the details of the proposal, or need assistance with the Public Input comment portal, contact Lisa Wood at: SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

DATE OF ISSUE: June 10, 2025

SIGNATURE: 

SEPA Log Number: 25-019.dns

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