



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**
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State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Name of Proposal: FIDALGO BAY FORAGE FISH CONSERVATION AND HABITAT RESTORATION PLAN

Description of Proposal: The proposed plan is for restoration and land acquisition to restore forage fish and habitat impacts caused by the Texaco oil spills into Fidalgo Bay, Anacortes. The plan proposes two projects: 1) Acquisition and protection of critical forage fish spawning habitats in Fidalgo Bay, and 2) Restoration of surf smelt and Pacific sand lance spawning habitats at one or more sites in Fidalgo Bay. No specific sites have been selected. The plan is being sent out in conjunction with The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Environmental Assessment.

Proponents:

Texaco Trustees Restoration Committee:
Lummi Tribe, Nooksack Tribe,
Swinomish Tribe, Suquamish Tribe,
US Fish and Wildlife Service,
Washington Dept. of Natural Resources
Washington Dept. of Ecology

Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
Habitat Program
600 Capitol Way North,
Olympia, Washington 98501-1091
Contact Person: Dan Doty, Oil Spill Section

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Fidalgo Bay, March Point, and Within the Area Near Anacortes, Washington, Skagit County; Township 34 North, Range 02 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 33 days from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **August 25, 2003**

Responsible Official: Cynthia R. Pratt

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, Regulatory Services Section

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DATE OF ISSUE: July 23, 2003 **SIGNATURE:**



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Distribution of Environmental Document:

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Skagit County Planning Department, Mount Vernon
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