



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
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REVISED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: PATERSON-COLUMBIA RIVER BOAT ACCESS

Description of Proposal: The proposed project consists of re-locating and adding improvements to an existing boat access at Lake Umatilla, Columbia River. The proposed site is approximately 1083 feet (330 meters) west (downriver) of the current gravel launch. The proposed site has deeper water and will provide a steeper, more effective launching ramp. Improvements will include a concrete launch, re-grading the existing road, providing parking, a turnaround, and a vault toilet. All improvements will include accessible provisions that meet Americans with Disabilities (ADA) design standards. Approximately 1000-feet of dirt road will be graveled. The parking lot and turn-around will require grading and graveling for 8 boat-trailer parking spaces, paving one trailer and one car space for ADA.

The actions include:

1. Decommission the existing gravel launch by blocking vehicle access with placement of rock barriers at entrance.
2. Relocate the boat launch approximately 1000 feet downstream from existing site.
3. Install a pre-cast concrete plank and cable concrete boat launch.
4. Install ADA boat loading ramp.
5. Add gravel to the access road.
6. Clear, grade and gravel a turn-around area and parking.
7. Install one vault toilet.
8. Install interpretative signage and a kiosk.
9. Replant cleared portions with native vegetation.

Environmental Document Revision:

Based upon an evaluation of new information that was brought to our attention during the comment period the proponent shall incorporate the following mitigation measures into the project:

1. The old launch site below the upland vegetation zone should have old surfacing (i.e., gravel) bladed off and properly disposed of upland.
2. Coir mat, its equivalent, or better mulch-type protection should be anchored covering the entire area above the OHWM to 50-feet landward.
3. During a November-to-February time frame, long whip cuttings of native riparian trees and shrubs should be planted on 18" centers throughout the entire disturbed area. Planting holes can be pierced vertically with almost no adjacent soil disturbance. Planted cuttings should extend at least 6" below the mean low water elevation. Only then will they be self sustaining w/o need for watering. 80% survival is required.
4. All tree species should each have 30" dia. welded-wire beaver exclosures installed and secured by 4 driven heavy-duty steel fence posts.
5. The old launch should be fully abandoned and barricaded as per the project proposal.
6. A copy of the revegetation plan should be submitted to Ecology in order to facilitate 401 water quality certification review. Attn: Cathy Reed
7. A completed section 106 review process is required.

Proponent:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The proposed boat launch is located on the north side of the Columbia River in Paterson, Benton County, Washington. The legal description is SW ¼ Section 8, Township 17 North, Range 26 East, parcel number 1-0856-200-0003-00, 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 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **January 23, 2007**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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e-mail: habitatSEPA@dfw.wa.gov if you have questions or comments about this determination.

DATE OF ISSUE: December 26, 2006 **SIGNATURE:** 

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