

State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: COAL CREEK SLOUGH RESTORATION PROJECT

Description of Proposal: Removal of a derelict vessel and a pile structure field. Vessel is 42 feet in length and located near the mouth of Coal Creek Slough. The pile structure field is comprised of approximately 30-timber pile structures locate roughly 2 miles east of the mouth of the slough. The proposed restoration project will occur during the approved June through September inwater work window, and likely taking place during the later part of that window. Anticipated duration of the in-water work to be less than 5 days and no site proportion work is anticipated.

Proponent/Applicant:

Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership Deborah Marriott 811 SW Naito Parkway, suite 120 Portland, OR 97204

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Coal creek slough, approximately 7 mile west of Long view, Washington, Cowlitz County; Section 12,7,8,17, Township 8 North, Range 4 & 3 WestWM

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

WDFW has determined that this proposal likely will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ 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. If you want to review this information, please contact WDFW at the address below.

Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. If you have comments about this DNS or the proposal, you must send your comments to us so that we receive them within 14 days. This means we must receive your comments by **June 5, 2008**.

When you send us your comments, please provide the name of proposal in your comment letter, and mail the letter to:

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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

Address: 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501

You can also send your comments via email to <u>SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov</u>, or via fax to (360) 902-2946.

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: May 22, 2008 **SIGNATURE:**

Teresa A. Clurage

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)

2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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Distribution of Environmental Document:

WDFW, Wildlife Program, Region 5, Vancouver

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