



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** SKAGIT COUNTY DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT #19 DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE PLAN.

**Description of Proposal:** Conduct routine maintenance of drainage infrastructure within the jurisdictional boundary of the Drainage and Irrigation District consistent with the provisions and elements of the attached Drainage Maintenance Agreement and Drainage Maintenance Plan which were developed collaboratively and cooperatively between the duly elected Commissioners of the District and WDFW, and in consultation with the Skagit River System Cooperative.

**The following types of drainage maintenance activities are considered typical of work necessary to routinely maintain the watercourses that comprise the district's drainage infrastructure.**

- Trash Racks - Maintenance/repair, Debris removal and Replacement
- Pump Facilities - Maintenance/repair, Debris removal and Replacement
- Culverts - Maintenance/repair, Debris removal and Replacement
- Flood Gates - Maintenance/repair, Debris removal and Replacement
- Tide Gates – Minor maintenance/repair, Debris removal and Replacement
- Channel In-water Bucket Mowing - Channel maintenance
- Channel Out-of-Water Mowing - Channel maintenance
- Dredging - Channel maintenance, Debris removal
- Bridges – Installation, Replacement, Maintenance/repair, Debris removal

**Proponent/Applicant:**

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Skagit County Drainage and Irrigation Improvement District #19, hereafter referred to as DID #19, is located within the Skagit River Delta of Skagit County west of the City of Mount Vernon, east of the City of Anacortes and north of the Town of LaConner (Figure 1). See Figure 1 in the Drainage Maintenance Plan for DID #19.

The jurisdictional boundaries of DID #19 are illustrated in Figure 2 in the Drainage Maintenance Plan. DID #19 is approximately bordered by Padilla Bay and the Swinomish Channel to the west, WDOT Highway 20, Ovenell Road and Peterson Road to the north, Downey Road, Mclean

Road and Donnelly Road to the south, and Avon Allen Road, Pulver Road to the east.,  
Washington, Skagit County;  
Section 12, 13, 24, Township 34N North, Range 02E EastWM  
Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 Township 34N North, Range  
03E EastWM

**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 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. 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.<sup>2</sup> 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 **July 7, 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

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You can also send your comments via email to [SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov), 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:** June 23, 2008

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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