



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE DREDGING AT TIDEGATE COMPLEXES 25 AND 35, OFF-CHANNEL TO EDISON SLOUGH

**Description of Proposal:** Conduct routine drainage network maintenance dredging downstream of tidegate complexes 25 and 35 located off-channel to Edison Slough. Excavation will remove approximately 600 cubic yards of accumulated sediment downstream of the tidegate complex 25 and 2,600 cubic yards of accumulated sediment downstream of tidegate complex 35. Dredging will be completed in one to two low tide cycles (tides below 2.5 feet Port Townsend reference station) at complex 25 and three to four low tide cycles at complex 35. The majority of the excavated material will be disposed of on adjoining lands at complex 35, but the material excavated at complex 25 will be hauled off site and disposed of on two parcels owned by District 16 (see attached photos). Dredging will be completed utilizing a hydraulic excavator on the top of the dike.

**Proponent/Applicant:**

Skagit County Drainage and Irrigation District #16  
Attention: Dave Lohman  
15283 Sunset Road  
Bow, Washington 98232

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:**

Tidegate 25 is located west of Farm to Market road near Cain's Court road, Bow, WA.

48° 33'38.77"N 122° 26'43.21"W

Tidegate 35 is located further west of tidegate 25 along the access road off Farm to Market road.

48° 33'51.41"N 122° 27'17.79"W

Washington, Skagit County; Section 32, Township 36 North, Range 03 East WM

**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 **August 4, 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 [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.

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**SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

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

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**Distribution of Environmental Document:**

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