



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: WDFW MODROW ACCESS - BOAT LAUNCH REPLACEMENT

Description of Proposal:

The proposed project will replace a 68 foot damaged precast concrete boat ramp at the WDFW Modrow Access Site on the Kalama River. The new 72 foot long ramp will have a total of 18 precast concrete ramp planks (4 feet x 12 feet x 6 inches). Eight of the planks are 32 feet below Ordinary High Water (OHW), and ten of the planks are 40 feet above OHW. There are nine sections of Armorflex matting surrounding three sides of the new ramp, designed to prevent erosion and provide a safer boat launching surface. Three sections (8 feet x 12 feet x 9 inches) are upstream and six sections are downstream (4 feet x 16 feet x 6 inches). The new ramp will be 4 feet longer than the old ramp, adding an additional 48 square feet over the length of the old ramp.

Other project elements include replacing the existing toilet and information kiosk, paving, placement of barrier rock, installation of level spreader bars used to channel stormwater from offsite sources, and removal of one stump that currently located in the center of the parking lot. Existing riprap materials on the upstream side of the boat ramp, and a pile of rock materials near the old outhouse location will remain on site.

The old toilet will be removed from its present location. A new ADA accessible vault toilet with signage and a paved asphalt parking area (604 square feet) with one (6 foot x 9 inch) wheel stop will be installed closer to the WDFW Modrow Access entrance. The new asphalt paved turnaround area (1,250 square feet) will be placed over the existing gravel turnaround.

The area surrounding two sides of the new vault toilet will be protected with approximately 10 traffic delineation barrier rocks. Additional barrier rocks (approximately 28) will continue along the perimeter of the parking area and across an 8 foot wide existing unpaved road to provide additional traffic delineation, and to prevent offsite access.

Mitigation will involve installation of 5 large woody debris (LWD) placed at OHW along the river bank; three LWD structures are 20 feet x 24 inches and two are 8-10 foot x 24 inches. They will be buried and chained in place on either side of existing LWD materials found on site. Other mitigation includes removal of invasive plants by spraying with herbicide and replanting native plants in two areas (1,525 square feet by the river bank, and 850 square feet in the area where the old toilet is removed), and removal of 2 eco-blocks in the river..

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW/ Modrow Access site, Washington, Cowlitz County; Section 32, Township 07 North, Range 1 West WM.

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

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely 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.

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. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **December 19, 2011**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

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

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: December 2, 2011

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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