



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 16-006: PACIFIC COUNTY ACCESS MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Description of Proposal:

There are two project sites; Smith Creek and Palix River. At each location, existing concrete boat ramp planks will be removed and replaced with new planks. At Smith Creek, planks (20' x 54') will be removed and replaced with new planks (12' x 54'). At Palix River, damaged planks (20' x 54') will be removed and replaced with new planks (12' x 54'). Additional length will be added above MHHW, landward of the current ramps, at both locations; 12 feet will be added at Palix River and 20 feet will be added at Smith Creek. Shoulders of both ramps will be armored with articulated concrete matting or crushed gravel.

The project was reviewed by the DFW archaeologist, who conducted an assessment of the likelihood that the project would encounter archaeological resources. The assessment was based on archival review, an understanding of local expressions of precontact and historic era settlement patterns and a consideration of the scope and nature of the proposed project. As the project anticipates only incidental of low volume disturbance and will take place within the demonstrated vertical and horizontal limits of previous construction or disturbance, the likelihood that the project would encounter archaeological materials is extremely low.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any:

The Smith Creek State Wildlife Recreation Area is located on Hwy 105 east of Tokeland in Pacific County. From Olympia, take Hwy 101, then WA-8/US-12 toward Montesano. Take the exit for WA-107/Montesano/Raymond. Turn left onto WA-107 S/ S Main St. Take a left onto US-101 S. Take a sharp right onto WA-105 N/Park Ave and continue for 10 miles. The access is on the right, just past Smith Creek. Township 15N, Range 10W, Section 35.

The Palix River Access is located on the Palix River on Hwy 101 south of South Bend in Pacific County. From Olympia, take Hwy 101, then WA-8/US-12 toward Montesano. Take the exit for WA-107/Montesano/Raymond. Turn left onto WA-107 S/ S Main St. Take a left onto US-101 S. Follow US-101 for approximately 34 miles. The access is on the left, just past Dike Road. Township 13N, Range 10W, Section 15

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 rules². 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. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm March 10, 2016**.

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/sepa_comment_docs.html
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Steve Bell on behalf of Lisa Wood

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 Steve Bell at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2598.

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SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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