

State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 16-012: SNOW CREEK PIER REMOVAL

Description of Proposal:

This proposal is to remove an old dilapidated Pier that is approximately 100 feet long and four feet wide. Removal will be accomplished by removing and salvaging decking (grading and hand rails) with hand held tools. The support beams and steel H-columns will be lifted out by an excavator and the steel will be recycled at an appropriate recycle center. All proposed work will be accomplished out of water during low tide work windows. This site is owned by the WDFW and the operation of the resort is through a third party private vendor. The resort is scheduled to remain open but without the pier and gangway. The resort currently has and will continue to operate a small rail boat launch and a season floating dock. Obtain and follow requirements of all applicable federal, state, and local permits.

There are no known buildings or existing infrastructure deemed likely for local preservation registers or listings. This project includes and will require close coordination with Agency's Archaeologist to ensure proper review of Historic or Cultural significance or preservation. The proposed project is not anticipated to negatively impact any historical or cultural significant building, facility and/ or site. This project is located on an existing WDFW recreational site in an area previously disturbed and developed. Discovery of cultural resources is unlikely. A WDFW inadvertent discovery plan will be in place so that if any cultural resources are identified during construction, construction activities will stop and the inadvertent discovery plan will be followed.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any:

This proposed project is at WDFW's Snow Creek Resort located in Clallam County, 1391 Strait of Juan de Fuca Hwy, (Highway 112), Neah Bay, WA.98357 Tax ID#1433173400000000. 48.3536, -124.5464. The legal description for this project is Sec.17,T 33 N, R 14 W.

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 April 5, 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 <u>SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov</u>
- 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.

DATE OF ISSUE: March 21, 2016 **SIGNATURE**:

Footnotes

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

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

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