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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT (CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION)

Name of Proposal: DNS/Adoption 17-003: DIABLO LAKE DOCK INSTALLATION

Description of Current Proposal:

This project would attach a 16' by 30' kayak dock to the existing ferry dock on the far, east side of Diablo Lake at the base of the Ross Haul Road.

As part of the response to the 2010 rockslide on Diablo Lake, SCL constructed two new docks on the far, east side of the lake for recreational and administrative use; however, neither is particularly accessible for paddlecraft, particularly kayakers, who are seeking to access Ross Lake from Diablo Lake. The NPS administrative dock is low to the water and attached to the shoreline at the base of a set of stairs which are set at a (close to) 90 degree angle from the dock. The recreational dock, located down a straight gangway from the shoreline, is really intended for the Ross Resort Ferry Boat and SCL administrative uses and is much higher off the water, making it much more difficult for paddlers to load and unload their craft.

This project seeks to fix this problem by attaching an ADA compliant floating dock, designed specifically for kayaks and canoes, to the ferry dock on the upstream side. This dock, made by AccuDock, would be approximately 16' by 30' and would include two slips in order to accommodate both canoes and kayaks (see attached drawing). The dock would also include two handrails that span the slips which will help the users enter and exit their boats. The entire dock would be comprised of framed floats made of white hand welded High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) sheet plastic and completely encapsulated expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam, with a marine grade aluminum frame. The railings themselves would also be aluminum (see attached floating dock specifications). The whole unit would attach to the existing ferry dock; no anchoring system is needed. This specialized dock provides a safe stable platform that is close to the water's surface, making launch and recovery easier and safer. Seattle City Light would be funding this project as mitigation for their work in response to the 2010 rockslide and can complete the installation. The dock could be removed during the winter but would likely remain in place to reduce burden on maintenance staff. It would only be removed if thought to incur damage over the winter months from weather conditions and administrative use at the site.

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Location of Current Proposal: East side of Diablo Lake at the base of the Ross Haul Road, Diablo, Whatcom County, Washington: Township 37N, Range 13E, Section 2.

Title of Document being Adopted: Categorical Exclusion Form for “Kayak/Canoe Dock on Diablo Lake at the Haul Road”

Agency that Prepared Document Being Adopted: National Park Service

Date Adopted Document was Prepared: August 1, 2016

Description of Document (or Portion) Being Adopted: The entire contents of the Categorical Exclusion Form.

If the Document Being Adopted has been Challenged, Please Describe: N/A

Name of Agency Adopting the Document: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

The Document is Available to be Read at:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Natural Resources Building,
1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

This document is also available for review online at:

http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_comment_docs.html

Adoption of Existing Environmental Document: After independent review, we have identified and adopted the referenced document as being appropriate for this proposal. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

We issued this Determination of Nonsignificance/Adoption Notice under WAC 197-11-340(2), WAC 197-11-610, and WAC 197-11-630. We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. 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 on March 7, 2017**.

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DATE OF ISSUE: February 21, 2017 **SIGNATURE:**

