



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 17-026: DEGROOT NEW BOAT LAUNCH

#### Description of Proposal:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) proposes to construct a boat launch on the Nooksack River on WDFW owned property south of Lynden, WA west of SR 539. The total parcel area is 3.94 acres. Constructing a new launch at this site will create additional public recreation opportunity and allow more convenient access to this section of river. This access site will include 7 vehicle parking spaces with 1 ADA compliant space as well as 20 vehicle/trailer parking spaces with 1 ADA compliant space. The total length of the precast concrete plank ramp will measure 100 feet long by 12 feet wide. Articulated concrete mats of 1560 square feet will be added to maintain bank stability and reduce erosion possibilities. The existing single vault toilet will be replaced with a new double vault toilet. A boat loading platform will be installed. Native landscape plantings will be installed as well as stormwater quality components.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Guide Meridian Road at the Nooksack River, Lynden, Whatcom County, Washington: Township 40N, Range 2E, Section 36.

**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 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.

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. 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 May 17, 2017**.

**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](mailto: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:** Lisa Wood

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

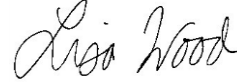
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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal.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

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** May 3, 2017

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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