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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 19-014: SALISH SEA TRANSBOUNDARY ACTION PLAN FOR INVASIVE EUROPEAN GREEN CRAB

Description of Proposal:

The purpose of the Salish Sea Transboundary Action Plan for Invasive European Green Crab is to establish and implement a coordinated and collaborative response to incursions of invasive European green crab (*Carcinus maenas*; "EGC") that pose a risk of harming or threatening the environmental, economic, or human resources within the shared waters of the Salish Sea.

Management actions are limited to trapping EGC using a variety of smaller trap types depending on targeted life stage and water depths. These are low-impact methods with the training and implementation priority to minimize risk of harm to native species, habitats and other natural or cultural resources.

Plan is based on six objectives: a) collaborative management; b) prevention of human-mediated introduction and spread; c) early detection; d) rapid response; e) control of infested sites; and f) strategic research to improve adaptive management.

The Salish Sea Transboundary Action Plan for Invasive European Green Crab is currently available at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/02045/>

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Marine and estuary waters of the Salish Sea in Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, Kitsap, Thurston, Pierce, King, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island, and San Juan Counties; Washington.

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. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on March 1, 2019**.

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: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Habitat Program, Protection Division

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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 Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

DATE OF ISSUE: February 15, 2019

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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