

WAC 197-11-970 Determination of nonsignificance (DNS).

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal The purpose of this project is to perform an interim action to remove sediment, consisting predominantly of wood debris, silt, and sand, adjacent to the southern end of the former Port Gamble Mill area. The intent is to significantly reduce the benthic impact of wood debris by lowering the organic loading and returning this portion of the Bay to a productive marine ecosystem.

This project involves mechanically or hydraulically dredging approximately 20,000 in situ cubic yards (CY) of sediment and wood waste. The dredge material will be transported to an offloading facility constructed on site, and offloaded/transported into a temporary dewatering facility on site. After initial dewatering, the dredge material will then be moved to a sparging to area located in the upland offloading and rehandling area to remove salt. The goal is to reuse the sediment as clean unrestricted upland soil.

Proponent Washington State Department of Ecology _____

Location of proposal, including street address, if any The project is located in Port Gamble Bay, Port Gamble, Washington. The most recent bathymetric survey at the site indicates that dredge depths will range from -12 to -23 feet mean lower low water (MLLW) within the dredge prism. Approximately 2.5 acres of upland mill site will also be used for treatment.

Lead agency Washington State Department of Ecology _____

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

- There is no comment period for this DNS.
- This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

X This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by December 6, 2006.

Responsible official Tim L. Nord _____

Position/title Land and Aquatic Lands Section/Manager _____ Phone. _____

Address Dept of Ecology 300 Desmond Drive PO Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600 _____

Date. _____ Signature _____

(OPTIONAL)

- You may appeal this determination to (name) _____
at (location) _____
no later than (date) _____
by (method)

You should be prepared to make specific factual objections.
Contact _____ to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

- There is no agency appeal.