



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Project Name: Wyman's Boat Ramp Rehabilitation

Location: The project area is owned by the Port of Anacortes at the former Wyman's Marina on Guemes Channel, north of Third Street between T and U Avenues in Anacortes, Skagit County, Washington.

Proponent: Port of Anacortes

Description of Proposal: The proposed action is the rehabilitation of Wyman's boat ramp, which is currently used by several commercial drop-frame barges. Work includes removing the existing rock and concrete boat ramp and embedded rails, 2 multi-pile dolphins, and a crane and outrigger located on the adjacent dock. The existing ramp will be graded to lower the slope of the ramp above mean higher high water. A new concrete ramp two feet wider than the existing ramp will be installed. Four 12- to 16-inch steel pilings for temporary barge tie-off will be installed on the east side of the ramp. Some eelgrass is located around piles to be removed. Best management practices to ensure protection of the eelgrass and to protect water quality will be implemented. Timing restrictions required by federal and state resource agencies for in-water work will be followed, as will any other conditions required by the permits. A substantial development permit under the City of Anacortes Shoreline Management Program will also be obtained.

Lead Agency: The lead agency under the State Environmental Policy Act is the Port of Anacortes.

Determination: The Port of Anacortes has determined that rehabilitating the existing Wyman's boat ramp will 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 SEPA environmental checklist and other supporting documents on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request, and is available for public review at the Port's administrative offices located at First St. & Commercial Ave., Anacortes WA, 98221. The Port's office is open 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on weekdays. The SEPA Checklist can also be reviewed on the Port's website: www.portofanacortes.com.

Comment Period: This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 21 days from the date of publication listed below. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the DNS. Written comments must be postmarked no later than April 21st, 2010 and should be mailed to the Port's Environmental Administrator:

Connie Thoman, Environmental Administrator
Port of Anacortes
P.O. Box 297
Anacortes, WA 98221

Comments may also be submitted to the Port by:

(a) E-mail to connie@portofanacortes.com or, (b) Fax to (360) 293-9608. Comments will not otherwise be accepted by telephone or personal conversation.

Signed and dated this 31st day of March, 2010 by Robert Elsner, Port of Anacortes SEPA Responsible Official.

DATE (Effective):

March 31, 2010

SIGNED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Elsner', is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Elsner, Port of Anacortes SEPA Responsible Official