

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Rulemaking for Commercial Finfish Net Pen Aquaculture
2. Name of applicant: Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Aquatic Resources Division

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: Noel Sharp, Washington Dept. of Natural Resources, Aquatic Resources Division, 1111 Washington St SE; MS: 47027; Ph: 360-995-2496

4. Date checklist prepared: September 6, 2024

5. Agency requesting checklist: Washington Department of Natural Resources

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

1. CR-101 (filed 04/17/2023)

- a. Complete science synthesis
- b. Draft rule language
- c. Draft SBEIS/CBA
- d. Draft SEPA

2. Publish CR-102 in the state register.

- a. Brief DNR's Board of Natural Resources (BNR).
- b. Hold a public hearing and analyze/respond to comments
- c. Finalize language
- d. Finalize SBEIS/CBA

3. Receive BNR final approval of rule language

4. Publish CR-103 in the state register

- a. Final rule implemented.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

This is a non-project SEPA and there are no future planning efforts related to this proposal.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

DNR Aquatic Resources Division draft science synthesis: The purpose of this document is to share the best available science concerning the stressors from commercial net pen aquaculture, and how those stressors interact with habitats and habitat elements of interest to Washington State. In Washington, these interactions would largely occur in coastal nearshore waters - a relatively narrow photic zone, where terrestrial and freshwater environments meet the marine environment. These environments support a diversity of marine and diadromous species owing to the variety of habitats and habitat elements they foster and support. These areas are shallow enough for sunlight to penetrate to the sediment surface, allowing for the growth of submerged vegetation. Their sediments host abundant epibenthic and infauna communities that act as ecological subsidies for other ecologically and economically important species while also facilitating important chemical and physical processes. When these habitats are damaged or destroyed, the consequences extend to the broader ecosystem and to organisms well beyond the site of impact. This not only threatens the ecological structure and function of ecological communities, but the economic and sociocultural stability of industries and communities throughout Washington.

While there is limited data on the specific impacts of CNPA on habitats and habitat elements in Washington State, this document compiles the best available science to present how certain operations, infrastructure, and mechanisms of net pen aquaculture may influence the health of local nearshore habitats.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

No.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

The proposal requires approval from DNR's Board of Natural Resources.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

In 332-30-106 Definitions, add a new definition to define commercial finfish net pen aquaculture and renumber the remaining definitions accordingly.

- "Commercial finfish net pen aquaculture" means a system of nets, cages, or other containment systems in open water used to cultivate, feed, and raise "finfish" (as defined in WAC 220-370-050(3)) to marketable size for the purpose of harvesting and selling the same as a crop. Commercial finfish net pen aquaculture does not include operations and containment systems used to raise finfish for open-water release or used to raise finfish solely for tribal ceremonial and subsistence uses.

In 332-30 add a new section.

- Commercial finfish net pen aquaculture shall not be authorized on state-owned aquatic lands.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The proposed rule language would be implemented on all DNR managed state-owned aquatic lands managed by DNR.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other aquatic lands

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed. In general, soils found on state-owned aquatic lands include marine and freshwater sediments.

e. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

3. Water

- a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location but proposal applies to all DNR managed state-owned aquatic lands. State-owned aquatic lands are defined by RCW 79.105.060(20): (20) "State-owned aquatic lands" means all tidelands, shorelands, harbor areas, the beds of navigable waters, and waterways owned by the state and administered by the department or managed under RCW [79.105.420](#) by a port district. "State-owned aquatic lands" does not include aquatic lands owned in fee by, or withdrawn for the use of, state agencies other than the department.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

shrubs

grass

pasture

crop or grain

Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.

wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed. No removal or alteration of vegetation.

b. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. Noxious weeds occurring on state-owned aquatic lands: knotweed, reed canary grass, purple loosestrife, policeman's helmet, Eurasian milfoil, parrotfeather, Brazilian elodea

5. Animals

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

According to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Priority Habitats and Species list and Threatened and endangered species lists, species potentially occurring in the proposed area include:

Endangered:

Mammals: Fin Whale, Sei Whale, Blue Whale, Humpback Whale, North Pacific Right Whale, Sperm Whale, Southern Resident Killer Whale.

Birds: Tufted Puffin

Invertebrates: Pinto Abalone

Reptiles: Leatherback Sea Turtle, Loggerhead Sea Turtle

Fish: Bocaccio Rockfish,

Threatened:

Mammals: Sea Otter

Reptiles: Green Sea Turtle

Fish: Chinook salmon, Eulachon smelt, Green Sturgeon, Steelhead, Yelloweye Rockfish

State Sensitive:

Mammals: Gray Whale

Fish: Margined sculpin,

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Washington State is part of the north-south Pacific Flyway.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

This is a non-project action.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

According to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Aquatic Species of Greatest Concern is: European Green Crab

6. Energy and Natural Resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

7. Environmental Health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

No contamination is known outside of existing documented contaminated sites listed on Washington Department of Ecology's Cleanup and Tank Search website:

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/reports/cleanup/contaminated>.

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development

and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed. There is a mix of residential and commercial uses upland and adjacent to state-owned aquatic lands. Along with vacant properties.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

This nonproject proposal impacts all state-owned aquatic lands and these lands have various zoning classifications.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

This non-project proposal will be implemented on all DNR managed all state-owned aquatic lands and these lands fall under multiple local shoreline master program designations. For specific designations for an area of interest, please contact your local town, city, or county, or visit: <https://ecology.wa.gov/water-shorelines/shoreline-coastal-management/shoreline-coastal-planning/state-approved-shoreline-master-programs> to review state-approved shoreline master programs listed by county.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

This non-project proposal impacts all DNR managed state-owned aquatic lands and these lands fall under multiple local shoreline master program designations. For specific designations for an area of interest, please contact your local town, city, or county, or visit: <https://ecology.wa.gov/water-shorelines/shoreline-coastal-management/shoreline-coastal-planning/state-approved-shoreline-master-programs> to review state-approved shoreline master programs listed by county.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Water viewing, boating, fishing, swimming.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.

While there are many buildings, structures and sites that are 45 years and older throughout and near state-owned aquatic land, this SEPA is for a non-project action. There are no specific sites or project locations and no construction is proposed.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

There are landmarks, features, and evidence of Indian and historic use, including human burials, etc., throughout and adjacent to state-owned aquatic land. However, this SEPA is for a non-project action. There are no specific sites or project locations and no construction is proposed. No professional studies were conducted.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

Due to the fact that this SEPA is for a non-project action, with no specific sites or project locations and no construction being proposed, no assessment is taking place. There are no ground disturbing or structure or building disturbing activities planned for this non-project action. There is zero potential to impact cultural and historic resources.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

This is a non-project action. There are no specific sites or project locations. No construction is proposed. There are no ground disturbing or structure or building disturbing activities planned for this non-project action. No protection measures are planned or necessary.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

This is a non-project action with no specific site or project location with no construction proposed.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

This is a non-project action with no specific site or project location. Resulting action would apply to all state-owned aquatic lands which some portions are served by WSDOT's ferry system.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

This is a non-project action. No new improvements proposed. _____

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project action. Ferry system or recreational boating.

- e. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

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D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

No increased impact. This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Not applicable.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

No increased impact. This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

Not applicable.

2. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

No increased impact. This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

Not applicable.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

No increased impact. This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

Not applicable.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

No increased impact. This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

Not applicable.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

No increased impact. This is a non-project action. There is no specific site or project location. No construction is proposed.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

No increase in demand is anticipated.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

No anticipated conflict. This SEPA is part of a full rule-making process with a Public Hearing and public involvement required by the Administrative Procedure Act.