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MEMORANDUM

January 14, 2025

File No. 25-011402

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Tracy Cooper, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

Pelican Beach Camping Area: The proposed project includes maintenance and repair of existing camping area facilities, installation of new campsites, and re-alignment of existing trail associated with the Pelican Beach Camping Area, in the Cypress Island Natural Resources Conservation Area. The maintenance and repair activities are needed to address maintenance needs that have accumulated over time due to exposure to the weather and use of the facilities. Repair and renovation work is proposed to the existing boardwalk, picnic shelter, and both sets of beach access steps. In addition to the renovations, proposed improvements to the camping area include the installation of six primitive campsites and one new modular, urine-diversion, vault toilet system on the uplands adjacent to the existing camping area and trail. Also included in the project is re-alignment of approximately 1,100 linear feet of existing fall line trail that will include closure of the trail segment and construction of approximately 1,800 feet of new trail to better follow the land contours. The trail re-alignment is necessary to address ongoing erosion and trail maintenance concerns associated with the existing fall line trail. No modifications to existing beach campsites or the existing composting toilet are proposed. All proposed maintenance, repair, renovation, and construction activities would be implemented using low impact techniques to protect the existing habitat functions, support the low impact recreation use of the site, minimize ground disturbance and maximize vegetation preservation.

Located in Section 17, Township 36 North, Range 01 East, W.M., Skagit County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination and SEPA Checklist can be accessed through DNR's website at:

<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/other-projects>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on **January 14, 2025**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 6:00 p.m. on **January 28, 2025**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, <https://wadnr.commentinput.com?id=3PbUmZdpe> or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.