



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NORTHWEST REGION

919 North Township Street
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284-9384

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: 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.

Proponent: Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The project footprint is located on the northeast side of Cypress Island in Skagit County, Washington. The proposed activities would occur on three parcels (P46440, 46441, and P46439), located within Township 36N, Range 01E, Sections 17 (SE 1/4).

Access to Pelican Beach camping area is by water only, or from other locations on the island via the hiking trail network. Access to Cypress Island is by boat only, there is no ferry access.

Lead agency: Washington State Department of Natural Resources

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 under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from January 14, 2025. Comments must be submitted by January 28, 2025.


Responsible official: Jay Guthrie

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Date: 1/10/25

Signature:  _____

There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.