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**Notice of Final Determination
SEPA File No. 24-111201
FPA No. 2618550
Agreement No. 30-105915
Timber Sale: Dungeness & Dragons**

The Department of Natural Resources issued a Determination of Non-significance (DNS), Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS), Modified DNS/MDNS on 11/12/2024 for this proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and WAC 197-11-340(2).

This threshold determination is hereby:

Retained.

Modified. Modifications to this threshold determination include the following:

Withdrawn. This threshold determination has been withdrawn due to the following:

Delayed. A final threshold determination has been delayed due to the following:

Summary of Comments and Responses:

Comment- Comments were received from the individuals and groups including, Indivisible South Puget Sound, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, and Olympic Park Advocates, Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, and Legacy Forest Defense Coalition. The comments generally oppose the harvest proposal based on ecological, wildlife habitat, recreation, and climate impacts.

Response- The Dungeness & Dragons is located on State trust lands. The DNR manages these lands under the State's extensive Habitat Conservation Plan, the Policy for Sustainable Forests, RCW 76.09 Forest Practices Law, and WAC 222 Forest Practices rules. The Forest Practices laws in Washington are designed to protect public resources such as water quality and fish habitat while maintaining a viable timber industry. The State's Habitat Conservation plan further restricts timber harvest beyond the Forest Practices rules. Additional information regarding the HCP, Policies & laws is available on the Department's website at www.dnr.wa.gov.

Comment- Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe submitted a comment regarding cultural resource concerns.

Response- Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, DNR State Lands representatives and Forest Practices attended a meeting on 11/26/2024 to discuss concerns.

Comment- An additional comment from the Legacy Forest Defense Coalition regarding the potential occurrence of unspecified element occurrences of rare plant communities within the harvest boundaries was also received. No specific plant community was identified in the comment.

Response- The Washington Natural Heritage Program maintains a database of rare and imperiled species and plant communities for the state. This database is used when reviewing forest practices applications. During the review of FPA 2618550, no conflict with recorded element occurrences were found. This comment has been taken under consideration and does not change the threshold determination.



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Comment- A comment from Glen Wade regarding slope stability concerns was received.

Response- A Forest Practices forester and geologist have conducted office and field reviews and determined that the potentially unstable slopes are appropriately protected in this timber harvest proposal.

All comments received during the SEPA review period of November 12th, 2024, through November 26th, 2024, were reviewed. The review of the Dungeness and Dragons timber sale was conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and agency policies. No new information has been provided to alter the determination of non-significance for this proposal.

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.
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