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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 21-010: SKAGIT WILEY SLOUGH SPUR DIKE REPAIR

**Description of Proposal:**

The purpose of this project is to complete repairs and structural maintenance of the spur dike at the Skagit Wildlife Area Headquarters Unit. The spur dike needs repair and maintenance in order to continue to serve its purpose as part of the drainage infrastructure of Dike District #22 (Fir Island, Skagit County) and as the main public access trail at the Headquarters Unit following the Wiley Slough Restoration project. Specifically, portions of the dike are undermining, cracking, and settling, causing concerns about its long-term integrity as well as the safety of those recreating and working on the area. The dike has also been overtopped in areas during extremely high tides and would likely be overtopped during a flood event.

Repairs will consist of restoring the dike to its original height (by replacing eroded dike material of up to 1.5 feet in several locations) so that it is uniformly level. This will involve 2 inches of grading of existing dike top gravel road surface using a grader and then adding dike material and gravel to the dike top. In addition, the southeasterly side of the dike will receive quarry spalls for erosion protection. An excavator will remove vegetation that has grown into the dike and dig a 1.5-foot-deep key way at the toe of the dike. Fabric and quarry spalls will be added.

Mitigation for this project will consist of habitat reclamation in three forms:

- 1) Removing four (4) pull out areas on the dike to reclaim 1,550 square feet of habitat (onsite mitigation)
- 2) Displacing the dike northwesterly in multiple locations to regain 8,528 square feet of habitat (onsite mitigation)
- 3) Removing 16 cubic yards of old riprap by hand from a derelict dike adjacent to Freshwater Slough to re-open 140 square feet of a channel (offsite mitigation)

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW Skagit Wildlife Area Boat Launch, 21961 Wylie Road, Mount Vernon, Skagit County, Washington: Township 33N, Range 3E, Sections 25 and 26.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> **We will not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on March 26, 2021**.

**Method of Comment:**

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Lisa Wood

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Habitat Program, Protection Division

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/closed-final>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address above or email [SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov).

**DATE OF ISSUE:** March 12, 2021

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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