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**ADDENDUM 22-001 TO DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) 20-062
DATED: DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Name of Proposal: DNS 20-062: EBHEY ISLAND ACCESS REDEVELOPMENT

Description of Addendum 22-001:

The original project and other elements of the proposed work have been modified as indicated below in underlined red font. See also updated maps/plans.

Description of Original Proposal:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is proposing to re-develop an existing public parking area and access to Deadwater Slough on the WDFW owned Ebey Island Unit of Snoqualmie Wildlife Area. The site is a 5.41-acre parcel located within the larger 627-acre Ebey Island Unit, much of which is closed to public access for the protection of waterfowl nesting and rearing habitat during the non-hunting season. The Unit is open for pheasant and waterfowl hunting seasons and wildlife viewing and other recreational opportunities in designated areas. This project will provide an upgrade to an existing access meant for recreational opportunities for wildlife viewing and non-motorized boat use.

This project proposes to re-grade and gravel an existing hog-fuel parking lot, create two Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant parking spaces, install an ADA compliant wildlife viewing blind, install a hand-carry boat launch and landing, and create a 5 ft wide gravel trail to provide walking access to both the viewing blind and hand-carry boat launch. The entrance will be moved approximately 40 ft to the south, away from the intersection of 51st Ave SE and 20th St SE to comply with the Snohomish County Engineering Design and Developments Standards (EDDS 2-04). The existing entrance will be blocked off with cement ecology blocks.

Ground disturbance will occur at the parking area to a depth of 12 inches and at the hand-carry boat launch locations (both banks of Deadwater Slough) to a depth of 12 inches. No disturbance will occur below the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) of Deadwater Slough as the hand-carry boat launch and landing will be located above OHWM. The landing will occur on the south bank of Deadwater slough on a separate parcel of the Ebey Island Unit, owned by WDFW. Total impervious surface will increase due to the development of an ADA designated parking spaces, ADA accessible path, gravel walking paths and proposed hand-carry boat launch and landing, which will add +2,413 ~~+1,727~~ sf of impervious surface. The total proposed impervious surface will be 18,299 ~~17,613~~ sf.

Wetland

One wetland (Wetland A) was identified on site and is classified as a Category II riverine wetland, located along the banks of Deadwater Slough. Wetland A is characterized by emergent

vegetation including Douglas' spirea (*Spiraea douglasii*) and broad-leaf cattail (*Typha latifolia*). Invasive reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) is present throughout the wetland and along the shores of Deadwater Slough. Following Snohomish County Code (SCC) 32.62A.320, the wetland buffer is 75 ft.

Mitigation

There will be no work below OHWM. There will be no impact within the delineated boundary of Wetland A. The proposed impact to the upland part of the site includes impact within the 75 ft wetland buffer as well as impact to Snohomish County Shoreline jurisdiction (50 ft of OHWM, Type N water) due to constructing gravel walking paths, hand-carry boat launches (north and south) and a viewing blind. This will develop 1,695 SF of impervious surface within the wetland buffer. To offset this impact, 5,100 SF of Himalayan blackberry which currently exists on site in large, dense patches, will be removed with large machinery (excavator bucket). The area will be scarified to remove roots to the extent possible. The area of bare soil will be seeded with an erosion control grass seed and will then be mulched to a depth of 2 inches with fine bark mulch to slow re-establishment of blackberry vines. This mitigation will meet a mitigation ratio of (3:1); (SCC 30.62A.320(3)) (Table 3). (The Stream buffer here for Deadwater Slough is designated at 50 ft for a Type N water, and the wetland buffer is designated at 75 ft; the quantification of impact uses the combined wetland and stream buffers). Impervious surface within the wetland buffer $1,695 SF \times 3 = 5,085 SF$.

The remaining 16,117 SF of existing blackberry on site will be removed at the same time, with the use of an excavator. This area will be maintained by Wildlife Area staff, however, will not be included in the Performance Standards of the Mitigation Plan.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 20th Street SE at 51st Avenue SE, Everett, Snohomish County, Washington: Township 29N, Range 5E, Section 27.

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

This addendum is being distributed pursuant to WACs 197-11-600 and 197-11-625. The updated information provided above does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental checklist. Based on the original DNS and the updated information provided in this addendum, we have determined that a new threshold determination is not warranted. There is no comment period associated with this SEPA addendum.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

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Applicants may view the supporting documents for this addendum on the WDFW SEPA website: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/closed-final>.

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

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SIGNATURE:

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