



Snohomish County Public Works

Withdrawal of
Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

June 2009

FILE NAME: Smith Island Restoration Project

PROJECT NUMBER: RR49206

REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL OF DNS:

The Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for this project was originally issued on May 9, 2009. Snohomish County Public Works has made the decision to withdraw the DNS following comments received from citizens, organizations and agencies. A Determination of Significance (DS) will be issued and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared to analyze the project's environmental impacts in greater depth and to select a preferred dike alignment.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

Snohomish County Public Works is evaluating a proposed project, the Smith Island Restoration Project (the Project), that will allow for multiple uses of several hundred acres of land located in the Snohomish River estuary. The fundamental purpose of the Project is to restore estuarine tidal marshlands that provide critical habitat for ESA-listed salmon in the Snohomish River watershed. A new setback dike will be constructed further to the west of the existing dike, and large sections of the existing dike along Union Slough will be removed. Besides the tidal marsh restoration element, the other primary project elements are a proposed compensatory mitigation program, and conservation and support of agricultural lands and activities. Additional project elements include: potential partnerships with the City of Everett; Williams NW Pipeline Company property donation; recreational and public access opportunities; improved flood protection; preservation of substantial green/open space area in a rapidly urbanizing region; and research and experimental opportunities associated with tidal marsh restoration.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Smith Island Restoration Project is located in parts of Sections 4, 5, 9 and 10, Township 29N, Range 5E, W.M. The project area occupies the northeastern portion of Smith Island, which is northeast of the City of Everett, and south of the City of Marysville, Washington.

PROPONENT and LEAD AGENCY:

Snohomish County Public Works
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, 5th Floor
Everett, WA 98201

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Steve Thomsen, P.E., Public Works Director

DATE June 26, 2009

SIGNATURE:

DISTRIBUTION LIST:

Tribes:

Tulalip Tribes
Stillaguamish Tribe

Federal Agencies:

National Marine Fisheries Service
US Fish and Wildlife Service
US Army Corps of Engineers
Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), Region 10
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
US Department of Agriculture, National Resources Conservation Service

State Agencies:

Washington Department of Transportation
Washington Department of Ecology
Washington Department of Natural Resources
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
Washington Environmental Council, Snohomish Wetlands Alliance
Recreation and Conservation Office

Snohomish County

Snohomish County Executive's Office
Snohomish County Council District #2
Snohomish County Council District #5
Planning and Development Services Department
Public Works Surface Water Management Division
Parks and Recreation Department
County Engineer & County Sheriff
Snohomish County Fire District #1
Snohomish County Agricultural Advisory Board
Snohomish County Marine Resources Advisory Board

Cities:

City of Everett
City of Marysville
City of Snohomish

Other Local Agencies:

Snohomish Forum
Port of Everett
Snohomish Conservation District
Snohomish County PUD #1, Environmental Affairs
Snohomish County Coordinated Diking Council
Diking District #1
Diking District #2
Diking District #3
Diking District #4
Diking District #5
French Slough Flood Control District
Marshlands Flood Control District
Stillaguamish Flood Control District

Others:

Puget Sound Partnership
Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership
This notice has also been sent to other interested parties, and residents and businesses within 1,000 feet of the project area

Media: The Herald