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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Date of Issuance: May 28, 2025

Lead Agency: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Proponent: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Project Name: Bowman Bay Floating Dock Replacement and Shoreline Restoration

Description of Proposal: State Parks proposes to replace the aging floating dock and restore a portion of the shoreline at Bowman Bay, Deception Pass State Park in Skagit County, Washington.

The existing floating dock has reached the end of its design life and needs replacement to upgrade to a more environmentally friendly design and materials that will allow for increased light penetration. The existing float structure will be replaced (within the same footprint) by prefabricated, grated floats that will be installed using the existing steel guide piles that will remain in place. The existing float will be removed and will be towed by a vessel to the boat ramp at Cornet Bay to be removed from the water for upland disposal.

The shoreline restoration portion of this project includes the removal of the existing boat ramp surface which was damaged by storms in winter 2023-24 and is currently not suitable for launching and shoreline plantings. The boat ramp removal is approximately 120 feet by 21 feet wide. Once the boat ramp is removed, the shoreline will be restored to a natural beach matching existing beach slopes with the addition of suitable and approved beach nourishment materials.

Location of Proposal: Deception Pass State Park. The project is located at 4399 Bowman Bay Road, Anacortes, Washington within Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 1 East, Skagit County upland parcel numbers P19603 and P19661.

Threshold Determination: After reviewing the completed checklist, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, nor does it need mitigation to avoid significant adverse environmental impact.

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

1. The project will comply with the in-water work window for the project area (anticipated to be July 16 through February 15). Forage fish work windows may also apply and compliance with these windows will be determined during the permitting process.
2. Equipment washing, servicing and refueling will only be allowed at designated upland locations. Appropriated best management practices will be used to ensure no spills of petroleum products or other hazardous substances take place during these activities.
3. No debris, rubbish, creosote-treated wood, soil, silt, sand, cement, concrete, or washings thereof, or other construction-related materials or wastes, oil, or petroleum products will be allowed to enter jurisdictional waters or placed where it will be subject to erosion by rain, wind, or waves and enter into jurisdictional waters.
4. Waddles and/or silt fencing will be properly installed adjacent to work zones to protect existing near-shore vegetation and prevent any excessive siltation runoff from entering intertidal critical areas.
5. The work is replacement and restoration. The float is being replaced with a more environmentally friendly design in the existing footprints and pilings to remain in place. Any beach access will be via the existing boat ramp as it is removed.

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 at: www.parks.wa.gov/SEPA

This DNS is issued under WAC 19711340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by **June 11, 2025** or they may not be considered.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal; however all comments are welcome and will be thoroughly considered.