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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Determination of Nonsignificance Adoption of Existing Document

Date of Issuance: 7/29/2025

Description of current proposal: Bowman Bay Pier Removal – Deception Pass State Park

Proponent: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Location of current proposal: Bowman Bay, Deception Pass State Park. The project is located within Section 23, Township 34N, Range 01E, W.M. Skagit County parcel numbers P19600 and P 19603.

Title of document being adopted: SEPA Environmental Checklist Bowman Bay Pier Replacement Project

Agency that prepared document being adopted: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Date adopted document was prepared: 2/3/2022

Description of document (or portion) being adopted: The SEPA Checklist is being adopted with changes to remove the pier without replacement. The project will consist of only the removal of the Bowman Bay Pier and associated abutment.

The document is available to be read at: www.parks.wa.gov/SEPA

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

We have determined that this proposal will 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 determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

The revised project is to remove the existing pier without replacement, which will result in a net benefit to the environment through the removal of infrastructure. The project will include the following components:

- Remove 5,882 square feet of solid timber overwater structure (without replacement),
- 149 piles will be removed, 147 are creosote and two steel,
- Remove 69 cubic yards of hard shoreline armoring (rip-rap), and add 60 cubic yards of beach nourishment that matches the existing on-site grain size.
- Remove derelict debris and rubble from the bedlands, including concrete debris, 90 creosote cross braces, a 16-foot cast/concrete pipe section, timber pile stub (approximately six feet), concrete ring from an abandoned drinking fountain.
- Restoring 486 square feet of backshore habitat through planting native shrubs and forbs.
- Recreation and boating will continue to be supported in Bowman Bay through the proposal to replace floats on the island float structure and restore the shoreline and maintain a hand launch site.

In addition, best management practices and environmental protection measures during construction included in the SEPA Checklist, will be adhered to for the revised project.

Name of agency adopting document: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

☐ There is no comment period for this DNS Adoption.

☐ This DNS Adoption is issued after using the optional process in WAC [197-11-355](#). There is no further comment period on this DNS Adoption.

☒ This DNS Adoption is issued under WAC [197-11-340](#)(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. **Comments must be submitted by: August 12, 2025**

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