



Notice of Application - Optional DNS Process

Date of issuance: 8/20/2025

Island County has received a permit application for the following project.

Date of notice of application : 8/11/2025 **Comment due date:** 9/19/2025

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File Number: 245/25 S-CUP-II **Applicant:** Port of South Whidbey

Location: 8212 Possession Rd, Clinton, WA 98236

Proposal – Replace existing 40-year-old, 126-foot-long section of wooden boat launch floats with six 8-foot by 20-foot float modules with grated decking and new hardware within existing footprint.

Island County has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a determination of non-significance (DNS). The optional DNS process established by WAC 197-11-355 is being used. The determination is based on the following findings and conclusions stated in the Biological Site Assessment completed by Facet in May 2025:

- The replacement float is designed to minimize environmental impacts to the surrounding area. The new floats will have grated decking, which will allow for light passage below the deck. The new floats will be installed within the footprint of the existing, minimizing the area of impacted shoreline habitat.
- The materials chosen for the replacement floats will require less maintenance over the lifetime of the structure. Less maintenance activity will reduce the temporal impact the structure has on the habitat.
- Based on the analysis of this document, the project development is unlikely to cause a significant impact on any critical areas, species, or vegetation. The discussion areas above conclude that all species were given a not likely to adversely affect or no effect determination. The shoreline and species that utilize the habitat will be protected by the proposed best management practices. Impacts during construction will be negligible and temporary.

Island County regulations under ICC 17.02B (Critical Areas), Title XI (Land Development Standards) & other applicable regulations are used to review and condition development to protect critical areas affected by this proposal. The proposal may include mitigation & the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is required.

Public, Agency, and Tribal Comments: Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project and its probable environmental impacts. Public comments must be received by 4:30 pm on **September 3, 2025**; mail to Island County Planning Department 1 NE 7th St., Coupeville, WA 98239; deliver to 1 NE 6th St, Coupeville, WA 98239; or 121 N. East Camano Drive, Camano Island; or Fax (360) 679-7306. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal.

To request notice of hearings, to receive a copy of the decision, or for information on appeals, contact us at the above address.

The following conditions have been identified in the Biological Site Assessment completed by Facet in May 2025 that may be used to mitigate the adverse environmental impacts of the proposal:

The following conservation measures and BMPs will be incorporated by the applicant in order to avoid, reduce intensity, or otherwise minimize potential site impacts:

1. Construction timing will adhere to the work window provided by WDFW to ensure limited impact to salmonid species and forage fish in the area.
2. All work on the bulkhead will be completed by equipment operating in the upper intertidal area during periods of low tides. No in-water work will occur.
3. All construction debris will be collected and not allowed to reenter waters of the state.
4. If debris or spill material accidentally enters the waterway, immediate actions will be taken to remove the material, and the proper entities will be notified.
5. Care will be taken in all work to prevent debris, oils, and grease from entering the water.
6. All debris or spill material will be properly disposed of at an approved off-site disposal facility.
7. Should heavy equipment be needed, refueling will be conducted away from the shoreline in accordance with the Washington State Department of Ecology.
8. All equipment will be checked daily for leaks and any necessary repairs will be made prior to commencement of work.

Required Permits: S-CUP-II, Flood Development Permit, Building Permits

Required Studies : Biological Site Assessment