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Notice of Application - Optional DNS Process

Date of issuance: April 5, 2023

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

Date of notice of application: April 5, 2023

Comment due date: May 5, 2023

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File Number: 064/23 S-CUP II

Applicant: John Porter III

Location: R33004-332-4320; Camano Island

Proposal – Replacement of timber bulkhead one foot landward of original footprint with soldier pile and pre-cast concrete lagging bulkhead and replacement of upland beach access stairs

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:

Applicant will adhere to best management practices and submitted a SEPA Checklist. The Biological Site Assessment prepared on February 17, 2023 by Davido Consulting Group, Inc. determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect any critical habitats used by Endangered Species Act listed species. Temporary impacts can be reduced by implementing specific mitigation measures. The Geocoastal Report prepared on October 27, 2022 by Aspect Consulting determined that the project would not further impact the ecological processes of the shore, but would improve them by relocating the shoreline stabilization landward of the existing alignment, straightening out the 45-degree angle of the bulkhead. Removal of the existing bulkhead will also reduce exposure of the marine environment to releases of environmental toxins from the existing creosote-treated timbers.

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 **May 5**; 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 that may be used to mitigate the adverse environmental impacts of the proposal:

The project will follow all best management practices. Construction timing will adhere to the work window provided by WDFW to ensure limited impact to salmonoid species and surf smelt in the area. All debris or spill material will be properly disposed of at an approved off-site disposal facility. Refueling will be conducted away from the project site in accordance with the Washington State Department of Ecology. All equipment will be checked daily for leaks and any necessary repairs will be made prior to commencement of work. The contractor will prepare a spill prevention control and countermeasures plan.

Required Permits: Shoreline Conditional Use Type II

Required Studies: Biological Site Assessment, Geocoastal Report, SEPA Checklist