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DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal:

This proposal seeks Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission adoption of:

- 1) A long-term park boundary for Lower Hood Canal area state parks, which includes: Belfair, Twanoh, and Potlatch State Parks and the Lake Isabella and Lilliwaup Tidelands properties. The long-term boundaries of the parks represent areas that the agency deems desirable for management, consistent with each park's mission.
- 2) Specific land classifications for the properties within the long-term boundaries of Lower Hood Canal area state parks. The purpose of Land Classification is to provide general policy guidance for staff on appropriate management and use of land holdings in the parks for recreational activities and developments. The land classification system was revised in October 1995, and is codified under WAC 352-16.

Land Classification-

Within the long-term boundary, staff has developed recommendation for classification of the parks and park areas. Land classification is like internal zoning for the parks and provides internal guidance on appropriate uses and developments within each classification. Land classification is regulated by WAC 352-16-020. Although all land classifications were considered for the park areas, the State Parks' classifications proposed for the parks include:

- (1) **Recreation areas** are suited and/or developed for high-intensity outdoor recreational use, conference, cultural and/or educational centers, or other uses serving large numbers of people.
- (2) **Resource Recreation areas** are suited and/or developed for natural and/or cultural resource-based medium-intensity and low-intensity outdoor recreation use.
- (3) **Heritage areas** are designated for preservation, restoration, and interpretation of unique or unusual archaeological, historical, scientific and/or cultural features, and traditional cultural properties, which are of statewide or national significance.

Maps showing the application of these classifications to the Lower Hood Canal area state parks according to the staff recommended land classifications, including a depiction of the long-term boundary, are available by email or hard copy upon request, or can be found at:

www.parks.wa.gov/plans/lowerhoodcanal/

The proposal classifies State Parks' land, and certain adjacent private and public holdings within each park and/or park area as potential additions to the State Parks' system. Use limitations imposed by specific classifications are discussed further in this document. (**Important note:** Proposed land classifications are for State Parks policy direction only and should not be used as a basis for local government decisions on private land holdings within the proposed long-term boundaries of the Lower Hood Canal area state parks.) Within the proposed long-term boundary, there are properties that the parks may be interested in co-managing or acquiring. All options will be subject to future decisions by the Commission and further SEPA analysis.

The review of this proposal will be phased. "Phased review" means the coverage of general matters in broader environmental documents, with subsequent narrower documents concentrating solely on issues specific to the later analysis (WAC 197-11-776). Phased review will allow State Parks to focus on decisions regarding the proposed land classification designations and long-term boundary. This is the first phase of environmental analysis for long range planning at the Lower Hood Canal area state parks. Subsequent phases will include environmental analysis for specific project actions at such time developments or other actions are proposed.

This is a SEPA non-project action to be considered by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 18, 2008 meeting in Silverdale, Washington.

Proponent: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

The proposed non-project action encompasses:

- Belfair State Park
410 NE Beck Road
Belfair, WA

The park is located within Section 01 of Township 22N, Range 2W, W.M.

- Twanoh State Park
12190 E Highway 106
Union, WA.

The park is located within Sections 19, 20, 30, 29 of Township 22N, Range 2W, W.M., on the south shore of Hood Canal, eight miles west of Belfair, Washington on Highway 106.

- Potlatch State Park
21020 Highway 101 N
Shelton, Washington

The park is located within Section 26 of Township 22N, Range 4W.

- Lake Isabella

On W. Delight Park Road, west of W. Golden Pheasant Road
Shelton, Washington

The park is located within Section 6 of Township 19N, Range 3W.

- Lilliwaup Tidelands
On N Highway 101, northeast of N. Lilliwaup Street
Lilliwaup, Washington

The park is located within Section 30 of Township 23N, Range 3W.

Lead agency: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

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 to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS

Although there is no comment period required for the proposed action, all comments are welcomed and will be considered. Please address your comments to Steven Starlund, Puget Sound Region Resource Stewardship Manager, at 2840 Riverwalk Dr. SE, Auburn, WA 98002, or to steven.starlund@parks.wa.gov by December 13, 2007. You may also provide testimony at the January 18, 2008 regularly scheduled Commission meeting in Silverdale, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.


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Signature



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