



**MEMORANDUM**

May 2, 2016

File No. 16-050201

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Tracy Cooper, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

**The Port of Bellingham is requesting seaward relocation of portions of the Outer Harbor Line along the Bellingham Harbor Area. The locations are: 1) in the vicinity of Whatcom Waterway near the Bellingham Central Waterfront area and the Port's Marine Terminal, and 2) in the vicinity of the Harris Avenue Shipyard in Fairhaven. The seaward relocation of the Outer Harbor Line would support the Port of Bellingham's efforts to maintain deep draft marine operations, and the relocation of a submersible dry-dock to be moored perpendicular to the main shipyard pier, as well as creation of additional harbor area for a new submersible dry dock to be placed alongside the existing dry-dock. Located in; Sections 25 and 36, Township 38 North, Range 02 East and Section 01, Township 37 North, Range 02 East, W.M., Whatcom County.**

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, SEPA Checklist and Forest Practice Application can be accessed through DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/state-environmental-policy-act-sepa>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on **May 2, 2016**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. **May 23, 2016**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, [sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov) or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.