



## DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** 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.

**Proponent: Port of Bellingham.**

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:** Port of Bellingham. PO Box 1677, Bellingham, WA 98227. Sections 25 and 36, Township 38 North, Range 02 East and Sections 01, Township 37 North, Range 02 East, W.M., Whatcom County

**Lead agency:** Washington State Department of Natural Resources

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**

**This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 21 days from May 2, 2016. Comments must be submitted by May 23, 2016.**

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**Date:** 5-2-2016

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