



**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

**Description of proposal:** Adopt the Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve Management Plan, Rescind existing Commissioner's Order, put in place new Commissioner's Order - conduct and implement research, protection, and other outlined activities at the Cherry Point Resource Area. The purpose of the proposed plan is to describe the natural resources, habitats and species that occur at Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve and to establish current and future management considerations. The need for this plan is based upon an extensive review of the environmental health, natural resources, fish and wildlife species located in the Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve. Many of these resources have been identified as requiring protection, enhancement and/or restoration. The emphasis of the plan is to protect and enhance aquatic resources at the Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve.

**Proponent:** Aquatic Resources Program, Washington Department of Natural Resources

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:**

The Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve is adjacent to the western shores of Whatcom County, Washington, in the Strait of Georgia. It is bounded on the north by the southern boundary of Birch Bay State Park, and on the south by the northern boundary of the Lummi Indian Nation Reservation. Its landward boundary is the landward edge of all state-owned tidelands in the above mentioned area. The Reserve does not include privately owned or Tribal lands.

**Lead agency:** Aquatic Resources Program, Washington 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 30 days from May 20, 2010 Comments must be submitted by June 24, 2010.

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