



MEMORANDUM

November 4, 2016

File No. 16-110401

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Tracy Cooper, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE AND
ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT AND ADDENDUM**

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:

Cherry Point Environmental Aquatic Reserve Boundary Modification. This proposal is to modify the existing boundary of the Cherry point Environmental Aquatic Reserve by including a 45-acre “cutout” originally established for a marine terminal in 2000 and identified in the Cherry Point Environmental Aquatic Reserve Management Plan as application number 20-013265 into the boundary of the Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve to be managed by DNR according to the goals and objectives of the Plan. The “cutout” includes portions of the bedlands of navigable waters owned by the state of Washington abutting Section 19, Township 39 North, Range 01 East, W.M., Whatcom County. The Plan will be amended to reflect this change.

In addition to this DNS & Adoption, the Department of Natural Resources has incorporated an addendum into the DNS/Adoption, of new information regarding the changes to the harbor line location and the Cherry Point Aquatic Reserve that has been determined not to affect the Determination of Non-significance.

It has been determined that this new information does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental document.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination and related 2010 SEPA documents can be viewed on DNR’s website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/current-aquatic-resources>

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 **November 4, 2016**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **November 18, 2016**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, 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.