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**DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE
AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

Description of current proposal: Establish site for commercial harvesting of geoduck clams on state-owned sub tidal bedlands.

Proponent: WA Department of Natural Resources

Location of current proposal: Eastern Straits region at Dungeness West tract in Clallam County; Central Sound region at Blake Island North and Foulweather East tracts in Kitsap County.

Title of document being adopted: The Puget Sound Commercial Geoduck Fishery Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

Agency that prepared document being adopted: WA Department of Natural Resources and WA Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Date adopted document was prepared: May 2001

Description of document (or portion) being adopted: An Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan written in compliance with SEPA guidelines describing the commercial fishing of sub tidal geoduck clams.

If the document being adopted has been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe: No challenge.

The document is available to be read at (place/time): The Departments of Natural Resources, Ecology, Fish and Wildlife, State Library, Department of Natural Resources Web Site, and Thurston County Library during regular business hours.

We have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

EIS REQUIRED. The lead agency has determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. To meet the requirements of RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c), the lead agency is adopting the document described above. Under WAC 197-11-360 and 197-11-630, there will be no scoping process for this EIS. The lead agency has determined that the impacts of this action were adequately analyzed in the document described above. The lead agency will not require a supplemental EIS on this action.

Name of agency adopting document: Washington State Department of Natural Resources

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.