



DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Guemes Island Ferry Replacement

Description of Proposal

Skagit County proposes to replace its current 21-vehicle, 100-passenger diesel ferry serving Guemes Island with an electric ferry serving up to 32 vehicles and 150 passengers per trip. There may also be minor modification of the ferry terminal itself (e.g. wing walls, dolphin fender heights, transfer span) to accommodate the new ferry and to facilitate concurrent passenger and auto loading, and to add a new electric power supply.

Proponent

Skagit County Public Works

Location of Proposal

The primary study area consists of the ferry service route between the Anacortes Terminal and the Guemes Island Terminal. A secondary study area consists of Guemes Island for the purposes of reviewing potential indirect and cumulative effects of growth.

Determination and Comment Period

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 at the project website:

www.skagitcounty.net/ferryenviro.

Comment Period. This determination of nonsignificance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by **4:30 pm June 22, 2018**.

Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name ("Replacement Guemes Ferry Proposal DNS") in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments. Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Comments on proposed "Replacement Guemes Ferry Proposal DNS"
Planning and Development Services
1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon WA 98273

All comments must be received by the deadline and include your full name and mailing address.

Appeal. You may appeal this threshold determination in accordance with Skagit County Code 14.06 and 16.12 and then by filing such with the Skagit County Planning and Development Services for service to the SEPA responsible official within 14 calendar days after the date of the threshold determination. Appeals must be submitted no later than: **4:30 pm July 6, 2018**.