



Island County Planning and Community Development

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Notice of Application - Optional DNS Process

Date of issuance: 01/29/2025

Island County has received a permit application for the following project.

Date of notice of application 07/30/2025 **Comment due date:** 08/29/2025

Staff Contact: Lizzie Longo **email:** e.longo@islandcountywa.gov **phone:** 360-678-7993

File Number: 014/25 SDP-II **Applicant:** Joie Goodman

Location: R13303-137-3670; Moran Beach County Park

Proposal – The installation of underground fiber optic lines via directional boring. Five hand holes and one manhole will also be installed. The proposed project will take place from the intersection of Admirals Drive and State Route 525 extending north to Moran Beach County Park. Four of the project sites are in shoreline jurisdiction.

Island County has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a determination of non-significance (DNS). The optional DNS process established by WAC 197-11-355 is being used. The determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

Island County regulations under ICC 17.02B (Critical Areas), Title XI (Land Development Standards) & other applicable regulations are used to review and condition development to protect critical areas affected by this proposal. The proposal may include mitigation & the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is required.

Public, Agency, and Tribal Comments: Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project and its probable environmental impacts. Public comments must be received by 4:30 pm on **June 26, 2024**; mail to Island County Planning Department 1 NE 7th St., Coupeville, WA 98239; deliver to 1 NE 6th St, Coupeville, WA 98239; or 121 N. East Camano Drive, Camano Island; or Fax (360) 679-7306. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal.

To request notice of hearings, to receive a copy of the decision, or for information on appeals, contact us at the above address.

The following conditions have been identified that may be used to mitigate the adverse environmental impacts of the proposal:

Floodplain Habitat Assessment Prepared by Wetland Resources Inc dated January 6, 2025:

- Work is limited to within the ROW and will use directional boring methods to reduce impacts.
- Work will not impact any significant vegetation. No tree removal is proposed.
- Work will be conducted from existing roadways adjacent to the work areas.

- All construction activities are proposed outside of the water column.
- All ground disturbing work in the floodplain will take place during the dry season to avoid flooded conditions.
- No changes to existing ground elevations will occur.
- The current Base Flood Elevation will be maintained.
- Best Management Practices (BMPs) measures will be used as necessary to protect areas outside of the work areas.

Wetland Report and Biological Site Assessment Prepared by Wetland Resources Inc. dated January 6, 2025:

- All underground fiber adjacent to wetlands, streams, and waterbodies within the shoreline environment will be installed via directional boring. No direct impacts to wetlands or FWHCAs will occur within the shoreline. Impacts to buffers for the installation of handholes will be negligible and will be limited to improved and maintained rights-of-way that consist of gravel and/or regularly maintained vegetation and the existing parking lot of Moran Beach County Park. No adverse impacts to shoreline functions and values will occur.

Required Permits:

WSDOT- Right-of-Way Work Permits, Traffic Control Plan

Island County- Right-of-Way Permits, Traffic Control Plan, Shoreline Exemption, Flood Development Permit, NTIA/DAHP

City of Oak Harbor- Right-of-Way Franchise Agreement, Right-of-Way Work Permits, Traffic Control Plan

Required Studies: Wetland Report and Biological Site Assessment, Floodplain Habitat Assessment, Final Endangered Species Act No Effect Report