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Notice of Application - Optional DNS Process

Date of issuance: April 5, 2023

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

Date of notice of application: April 5, 2023

Comment due date: May 5, 2023

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File Number: 076/23 S-CUP III **Applicant:** Maines Family Limited & Partnership, Rudolf & Brigitte Aebersold

Location: S7420-00-00012-A, S7420-00-00012-B, Camano Island

Proposal – Replacement of beach access stairs, partial removal of existing bulkhead, construction of new bulkhead waterward of existing bulkhead, and implementation of mitigation plan.

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:

Applicant will adhere to best management practices and submitted a SEPA Checklist. The Biological Site Assessment prepared on May 7, 2021 by Cedarock Consultants, Inc. determined that no permanent impacts to the intertidal zone are proposed. Temporary impacts can be reduced by implementing specific mitigation measures. The Geocoastal Report prepared on July 8, 2021 by Coastal Geological Service, Inc. determined that the project would not create any change in coastal processes or ecological processes or impacts from the current state of the beach.

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 **May 5**; mail to Island County Planning Department PO Box 5000, 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:

The project will follow all best management practices. Construction will occur during agency approved work window to ensure limited impact to salmonoid species and forage fish in the area. All manmade construction debris will be collected and not allowed to enter waters of the state. If debris or spill material accidentally enters the waterway, immediate actions will be taken to remove the material. All debris or spill material will be properly disposed of at an approved off-site disposal facility. Some piles are to be pulled from the sediments and removed for installation of the proposed bulkhead. They will be quickly placed upland or on the barge to minimize potential releases of creosote, petroleum sheens, and turbidity to the waterway. Piles will be properly disposed of at an approved upland disposal facility. The applicants submitted a mitigation plan created by Davido Consulting Group, Inc on June 3, 2022 that plantings in the riparian zone including 568 square feet of herbaceous cover. The beach will be replenished with 230 cubic yards of sediment to provide additional habitat for surf smelt spawning.

Required Permits: Shoreline Conditional Use Type III

Required Studies: Biological Site Assessment, Geocoastal Report, SEPA Checklist