

**DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE  
AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL  
DOCUMENTS**

**Description of proposal:**

Island County Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas Update

This proposal will involve the following components: (1) amendments to the Island County Comprehensive Plan concerning fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, (2) revisions to Island County Code necessary to protect fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas; and, (3) changes to the County Environmental Policy related to categorical exemptions in critical areas.

**Proponent:**

Island County Planning and Community Development

**Location of current proposal:**

This is a non-project action which applies to all unincorporated areas of Island County not subject to the jurisdiction of the Island County Shoreline Master Program.

**Title and date of document being adopted or referenced:**

Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Island County GMA Comprehensive Plan, September 1998.

This document was used to consider environmental impacts associated with the initial adoption of the Island County GMA Comprehensive Plan in 1998. It has also been used to inform subsequent updates and amendments to this plan and associated implementing regulations.

**Description of document (or portion) being adopted or referenced:**

The FEIS for the Island County GMA Comprehensive Plan evaluated significant adverse environmental impacts and alternatives related to the adoption of a revised comprehensive plan and implementing development regulations. Because this document considered environmental impacts associated with comprehensive plan policies and development regulations designed to protect fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, and because Island County is proposing to substantially revise these policies and regulations, this document is being incorporated by reference.

**If the document being adopted has been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe:**

There are no outstanding challenges to this document.

**The document is available to be read at (place/time):**

Island County Department of Planning and Community Development, Island County Courthouse, 6<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets, Coupeville, WA 98239

**Adequacy of document being adopted or referenced:**

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.

**Threshold Determination:**

Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that this amendment 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 to the public on request.

**Commenting:**

This DNS is being issued using the integrated SEPA/GMA process identified in WAC 197-11-340. Public comments will be received for a sixty day period following the issuance of this determination. This determination was issued April 25, 2014; therefore, comments must be submitted by June 23, 2014.

**Appealing this determination:**

Pursuant to ICC 16.19.190.B.2 a SEPA threshold determination issued for a Type IV legislative action that is initiated pursuant to Chapter 36.70A RCW may be appealed to the Hearing Examiner within 14 days following completion of the public comment period. An appeal shall be accompanied by written statement of appeal and the applicable fee pursuant to the fee schedule adopted by the Board. Appeals may be filed by a County Department or any aggrieved person. A more comprehensive statement of appeal setting forth in detail alleged errors and/or the basis for appeal must be submitted by the appealing person or Department within 30 days following completion of the public comment period, or the appeal is not properly filed and will be dismissed by the Hearing Examiner.

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**Date of Threshold Determination:**

April 25, 2014