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FINAL SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) OF PROPOSED ACTION

East Waterway Maintenance Dredging Program

The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental analysis, including review of pertinent and available environmental information and preparation of an Environmental Checklist for the following proposal:

Description of Proposed: The proposal includes a 10-year programmatic authorization to conduct routine maintenance dredging as necessary to maintain previously established navigational and berthing depths within the East Waterway. The East Waterway Maintenance Dredging Program is intended to ensure that previously permitted operational elevations in the EW are effectively maintained to address customer needs. To accommodate ongoing maintenance activities associated with the East Waterway Maintenance Dredging Program, the Port is requesting a 10-year authorization for the project. This approach will promote comprehensive management of operational elevations within the EW, allow the Port flexibility to respond quickly to tenant lease maintenance obligations, and reduce environmental impacts.

Site Location: The proposed East Waterway Maintenance Dredging Program includes aquatic areas south of the Downtown Seattle Central Waterfront District, east of Harbor Island, and north of the Spokane Street Bridge. The project includes berth areas associated with several Port of Seattle facilities, including Terminals 46, 30, 25, and 18, as well as Slip 27 and portions of the federal navigation channel.

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA File Number 15-13)

Determination: The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. As such, an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 43.21, WAC 197-11) and Port of Seattle SEPA Policies and Procedures (Port Commission Resolution 3650). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information which is available upon request. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced within 21 days from the date of last newspaper publication of the notice or be barred.

Supporting Information: Information used to reach this determination, and applicable State laws and Port of Seattle policies, regulations, and procedures are available for public review at the Port of Seattle office, at the Maritime Environmental Dept., Pier 69, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle. The document is also available for review at: <http://www.portseattle.org/Environmental/Environmental-documents/SEPA-SEPA/Pages/default.aspx>.

Public & Agency Comment: The DNS and Environmental Checklist for this project circulated on February 20, 2015, and the comment period ended March 13, 2015. The Port received no comment letters during the comment period. The Port has concluded that no significant negative environmental effects will result from the proposed maintenance dredging activities. The Port's Final DNS is being issued, as of the date below based on the final determination of no significant environmental impacts.

Appeals: The Port's decision on the proposal described above and the Port's issuance of a Final DNS on this proposal constitute the Port's Final SEPA decision. This SEPA DNS determination may be appealed by filing a writ of review in King County Superior Court within twenty-one (21) days of the date below pursuant to Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3650 and RCW 43.21C.080.

Signature of File

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November 23, 2015

Date of Final DNS