

**FINAL SEPA DETERMINATION  
OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) OF PROPOSED ACTION**  
**South Park Public Shoreline Access Site Improvements**  
*West Shoreline Duwamish Waterway*  
*Eighth Avenue South and South Portland Street*

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 the Proposed Action:** Public shoreline access improvements proposed for the approximately 0.4 acre South Park site include: (1) sign panels: identifying and interpreting the area as a public shoreline park; (2) grading and excavation: replacing existing eroded, rubble-filled bank line with re-shaped gradual slope extending land ward from toe-of-slope; (3) landscaping: emphasizing use of native riparian trees and shrubs as shoreline stabilization and for enhancement of shoreline and aquatic area habitat value; (4) physical improvements: including lighting, tables and seating, and a site activities area; and (5) shoreline pathway: including unimpeded access to tables, seating and activities area, as well as an access route to waterway bank line.

Plans for the proposed public shoreline access improvements are based on conceptual design information included in the 1985 Comprehensive Public Access Plan for the Duwamish Waterway. The 1985 public access plan, jointly approved by the City of Seattle and the Port, prescribes public shoreline access improvements linked with Port-sponsored water-dependent and marine industrial development projects.

**Location of Proposed Action:** The South Park public shoreline access site is located on the west bank line of the Duwamish Waterway, river mile 3.3. The proposed public shoreline access site is east of the intersection of South Portland Street and Eighth Avenue South. The site is located in the west half of Section 29, Township 24 North, Range 4 East, King County, Washington. Since no commercial, industrial, or residential uses have previously occupied the proposed public shoreline access site, a street address is not available for the location.

**Lead Agency:** Port of Seattle (POS SEPA No. 06-03)

**Determination:** This environmental evaluation has been prepared following the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) under Chapter 43.21C, Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and Resolutions 3028, 3211 and 3539, Port of Seattle SEPA Policies & Procedures. As lead agency, the Port has determined that the proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c).

**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 Engineering Department, Second Floor Bid Counter, Pier 69, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle. Refer any questions relating to this determination or the proposed action to David McCraney, at Port of Seattle, P.O. Box 1209, Seattle, WA 98111, and Telephone: 206-728-3193.

**Public & Agency Comment:** The DNS and Environmental Checklist for this project circulated on February 2, 2006, and the original comment period was extended from February 14, 2006, to March 2, 2006. The Port received comments in support of the proposed public shoreline access improvements and comments indicating that the proposed public shoreline use area is inappropriate. The Port acknowledges the comments received and has concluded that no significant negative environmental effects will result from the proposed public shoreline access improvements. The Port's Final DNS is now being issued, as of the date below, based on the final determination of no significant environmental impacts. Please refer questions and comments about this determination or the proposal to David McCraney at the address or telephone above.

**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. 3028, 3211 and 3539.

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