

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
Determination of NonSignificance (DNS)

Port of Seattle Bankline Repair and Enhancement Multi-site Program

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Lead agency: Port of Seattle

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Description of proposal: The proposed project is the Port of Seattle (Port) Bankline Repair and Enhancement Program (Program). The Port seeks programmatic federal and state authorization for the individual projects proposed under this Program to improve environmental outcomes, reduce redundancy, and save resources and time for both the Port and regulatory agencies. This program will establish a systematic process for enhancement of shoreline environmental functions while maintaining the structural integrity and stability of Port-controlled banklines.

Location of proposal: The proposed programmatic activity will apply at the 29 Port-controlled shoreline facilities in the Seattle area. It will apply to properties along the Duwamish Waterway, including the East and West Waterways (EWW and WWW, respectively) in the Green/Duwamish Watershed (Water Resource Inventory Area [WRIA] 9); Puget Sound, including Elliot Bay in the Green/Duwamish Watershed (WRIA 9) and Shilshole Bay in the Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8); and the Lake Washington Ship Canal in the (WRIA 8).

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Determination: The Port has determined that the proposed Bankline Repair and Enhancement Multi-site Program 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, Biological Assessment, and other information which is available upon request.

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

- This Program involves routine repair and maintenance projects and habitat restoration.
- The Program is intended to streamline projects that will exist with or without this program while improving Port bankline function over time.
- The projects covered under the Program will not adversely impact fish, wildlife, water quality, or cultural resources and will employ conservation measures for in-water work.
- The program requires annual reporting and monitoring to ensure the success of sites authorized under the Program.



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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, Maritime Environment and Sustainability, Pier 69, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle. The document is also available for review online at <https://www.portseattle.org/environment/sepa-nepa>.

Public and Agency Comment: No action will be taken on this proposal until after the 14-day public comment period expires at 4:00 PM on February 8, 2019. The Port will accept public and agency comments until 4:00 PM on February 8, 2019. Please refer any questions relating to this determination or to the proposed actions to Laura D. Wolfe, AICP, Maritime Environment and Sustainability, 206-787-4292 or to the Port of Seattle electronic mail Internet address at SEPA.p@portseattle.org. Include your mailing address when submitting comments to the electronic Internet address. The Port will consider comments and publish a final threshold determination no sooner than twenty-one (21) days from the date of this notice.

Appeals: 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 the Port formally adopts this determination pursuant to Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3650 and RCW 43.21C.080.

SEPA Responsible Official: Sandra Kilroy, Director Maritime Environment and Sustainability

Signature

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Date

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