SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) And NOTICE OF DECISION

For Skagit County Public Works File # **PL19-0450**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Notice is hereby given that on September 9, 2019, Skagit County Planning and Development Services approved the independent State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist (#PL19-0450) for the Hibler Bank Stabilization Project. The project proposal seeks to provide bank stabilization at the site and reduce the potential for increased erosion over time and a long term solution. High flows on the Samish River during the winter months transported a large tree with rootwad downstream that came to rest adjacent to a residence off Ershig Road. The LWD then racked additional debris and caused high rates of erosion along the right bank property. The County relocated the log jam under APP ID: 18018 in May of 2019 to avoid further erosion. The project will use bio-engineered techniques including the installation of large woody debris and coir lifts to stabilize the bank. The proposed project is located within the Agricultural – Natural Resource Lands (Ag-NRL) zoning/comprehensive plan designated area as indicated in the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and associated maps adopted July 5, 2016 and as thereafter amended.

PROPONENT: Skagit County Public Works, c/o Emily Derenne, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located at 8869 Ershig Road, Bow, within a portion of Section 13, Township 35N, Range 3E W.M., situated within Skagit County, Washington. (P34204).

LEAD AGENCY: Skagit County Planning and Development Services.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it 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, critical areas checklist, and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

The Lead Agency previously issued a comment period for this proposal under the Optional DNS process outlined under WAC 197-11-355.

You may appeal this threshold determination by addressing those criteria as set forth in Skagit County Code 14.06 and 16.12 and then by filing such with the Skagit County Planning and Development Services for service to the SEPA responsible official within fourteen (14) calendar days after the publication date of this threshold determination.

Appeals must be submitted by: <u>September 26, 2019</u>.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Director of Planning and Development Services CONTACT PERSON: Brandon Black, Senior Planner – Team Supervisor MAILING ADDRESS: 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. PHONE: (360) 416-1326

Date: <u>9-10-19</u> Signature <u>Brandon Black</u>. *On behalf of* Hal H. Hart Planning and Development Services Director

cc: WDOE, Public Works, NW Clean Air Agency, Fire Marshal, WSDF&W, Skagit River Systems Coop, DAHP, Army Corps., Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Samish Indian Nation, WSDOT, Applicant, Parties of record

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