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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Gary R. Christensen, Director & SEPA Responsible Official
Date: June 12, 2008
Re: Memo Responding to Comments on Guemes Ferry Threshold Determination and Retaining the DNS

Attached you will find a memorandum dated June 10, 2008, responding to the three comment letters received on the Environmental Checklist, Environmental Assessment (EA) Report and SEPA Threshold Determination of Non-significance (DNS) issued for proposed changes in schedule for the Guemes Island Ferry service. The memorandum also identifies minor corrections and changes to the EA Report.

Based upon a review and evaluation of the public comments, I have concluded on page 37 of the memorandum that “the Threshold Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) issued on May 8, 2008 should be retained, without modification, noting the factual corrections to the environmental checklist and EA report referenced in the memorandum.”

Nothing has been submitted to the record that undermines my original determination as SEPA Responsible Official. A change to the Guemes Island ferry service schedule to include up to five (5) additional evening crossings on Mondays through Thursdays will not cause probable significant adverse environmental impacts as defined under WAC §§197-11-782, 197-11-794, and 197-11-330.

This memorandum completes the County’s review of potential environmental impacts of proposed changes to the Guemes Ferry schedule. If you have any questions about this memorandum, or the EA Report, the Environmental Checklist and Threshold Determination of Non-Significance that have been provided to you, please feel free to contact me.

Attachment

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