

**SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE AND
ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

Description of current proposal: The proposal is a non-project action to make the current temporary ferry run schedule for the Guemes Island Ferry permanent, effective January 1, 2009.

Proponent: Skagit County Department of Public Works, Ferry Division, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273.

Location of Proposal: Guemes Island is situated in the northern part of Puget Sound. It is roughly triangular in shape and covers about eight (8) square miles or approximately 5,136 acres. It is separated from Anacortes on Fidalgo Island by the Guemes Channel and is served by the Skagit County public ferry service from the Anacortes ferry dock at 6th Avenue and I Street.

Lead Agency: Skagit County Planning & Development Services Department.

Title of document being adopted: Skagit County Planning and Development Services SEPA Threshold Determination of Non-significance (DNS) For Guemes Island Ferry Service Schedule Changes.

Date adopted document was prepared: May 6, 2008.

Description of document (or portion) being adopted: The Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) concluded that proposed permanent expansion of weekday evening ferry runs to Guemes Island, as evaluated in a 55-page Environmental Assessment report, would not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment.

If the document being adopted has been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe:
The document is not the subject of a pending appeal and it has not been found inadequate on appeal.

The document is available to be read at (place/time): Skagit County Planning and Development Services, 1700 E. College Way, Mount Vernon, WA; 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, excluding holidays; and on the Skagit County website: www.skagitcounty.net (Department of Public Works, Guemes Island Ferry home page).

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 and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request. There is no comment period for this DNS.

Planning and Development Services has identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets this department's

environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision-maker.

Name of agency adopting document: Skagit County Planning and Development Services, 1800 Continental Place (physical address: 1700 E. College Way), Mount Vernon, WA 98273; (360) 336-9410.

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Date: November 4, 2008

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