

**Skagit County Planning and Development Services  
SEPA Threshold Determination of Non-significance (DNS)  
For Guemes Island Ferry Service Schedule Changes**

**Description of the Proposal:** The proposal is to adopt permanent changes to the scheduled ferry service between Anacortes and Guemes Island, Washington. On May 30, 2006, Skagit County adopted Resolution Number R20060184. The resolution amended the schedule of the Skagit County owned and operated Guemes Island Ferry, which runs between Anacortes and Guemes Island by adding five (5) additional runs (at 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.) on Mondays through Thursdays. The pre-existing scheduled runs on Mondays through Thursdays (from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), Fridays and Saturdays (from 6:30 a.m. to 12:00 midnight), and Sundays and holidays (from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) were essentially unchanged. The resolution only approved a two-year trial period for the expanded service, which expires on June 30, 2008. The proposal would seek to make some form of modified and expanded ferry service permanent.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and I Street.

**Lead Agency:** Skagit County Planning & Development Services Department

**Threshold Determination:** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist, an Environmental Assessment report, and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available on request and/or may be viewed at the Skagit County website at [www.skagitcounty.net](http://www.skagitcounty.net).

**Comment Period:** This determination of non-significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); Skagit County will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of this notice (see below). **Comments must be submitted by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 22, 2008.**

**Appeal Period:** Pursuant to SCC 14.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this non-project threshold determination.

**SEPA Responsible Official:** Gary R. Christensen, Director and SEPA Responsible Official, Skagit County Planning and Development Services

**Contact:** Kirk Johnson, Senior Planner, 360/336-9410, ext. 5916

**Date:** May 6, 2008

**Signature:** 

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**Comments:** Please direct any written comments concerning this threshold determination to:

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cc: Washington State Department of Ecology, City of Anacortes, Samish Indian Nation

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