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**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

Date of Issuance: March 1, 2017

Lead agency: Department of Ecology, Shoreland and Environmental Assistance Program, Coastal-Shorelands Section, Shoreline Management Unit

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Description of proposal: Ecology is proposing rule amendments related to implementation of the Shoreline Management Act (SMA) RCW 90.58, specifically:

- Chapter 173-18 WAC - Shoreline Management Act –Streams and Rivers Constituting Shorelines of the State
- Chapter 173-20 WAC - Shoreline Management Act–Lakes Constituting Shorelines of the State
- Chapter 173-22 WAC - Adoption of Designations of Shorelands and Wetlands Associated with Shorelines of the State
- Chapter 173-26 WAC- State Master Program Approval/Amendment Procedures and Master Program Guidelines
- Chapter 173-27 WAC - Shoreline Management Permit and Enforcement Procedures

These rule changes:

1. Clarify the process to comply with the periodic review requirement per RCW 90.58.080 (Shoreline Management Act) as the first round of Shoreline Master Program (SMP) reviews will be due to Ecology June 2019;
2. Simplify the process for approving minor updates to SMPs;
3. Housekeeping amendments to include the following
 - Update the list of shorelines of the state to be consistent with the SMP updates;
 - Ensure consistency with amendments to statute since the last rule revision;
 - Capture any administrative updates since the last rule revision.

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Location of proposal: Statewide

Ecology has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment for the following reasons:

1. The proposed rule language is defining procedures for local governments to conduct mandatory SMP periodic reviews that will ensure a thorough public process..
2. The proposed language creates a new optional SMP approval process which should speed up the process of approving SMP's
3. The other proposed minor updates and technical corrections consist of updates and clarifications and are not substantive changes.

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 in conjunction with all of the materials and discussions related to the SMP rulemaking sounding board. This is available at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/rules/1506docs.html>

The comment period for this DNS corresponds with the comment period on Shoreline Management Act (SMA) Rulemaking CR102 will end on May 15, 2017 to correspond with the comment period on Shoreline Management Act (SMA) Rulemaking CR102.

Please submit comments to: smarulemaking@ecy.wa.gov

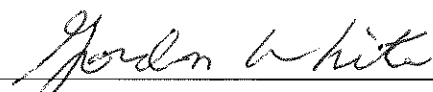
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