

## **Finding of No Significant Impact**

### **Proposed Construction and Operations of Refuge Facilities at Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge Clallam County, Washington**

An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to evaluate a proposal to construct a new administrative facility comprising an office, shop and equipment storage building at the end of Holgerson Road on Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). The public was informed of the availability of the Draft EA through a news release in the local newspaper. In addition all property owners who access their property via Holgerson Road were sent a copy of the news release submitted to the newspapers. This EA was made available for public review and comment from May 22, 2007, through June 27, 2007. In addition there were two public informational meetings held on June 6, 2007 at the Sequim Prairie Grange, 209 Macleay Road, Sequim, Washington. Twenty-nine comments were received. The proposal has been coordinated with Clallam County Parks who manage the adjacent Dungeness Recreation Area

Pursuant to requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, an EA was prepared to evaluate the environmental effects of the proposal to construct and operate an administrative facility and two alternatives to the proposal. The alternatives include:

Alternative A: No Action Alternative

Alternative B: Construct Facilities on Dungeness NWR at end of Holgerson Road with Staff Access via Holgerson Road and Public Access via Voice of America Road.  
(Preferred Alternative)

Alternative C: Construct Facilities on Dungeness NWR at end of Holgerson Road with Staff and Public Access via Voice of America Road

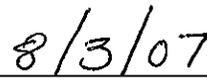
The Preferred Alternative was selected for implementation in order to provide access to the facilities by staff through an already existing right of way for ingress and egress to the property. To minimize impacts to Refuge neighbors on Holgerson Road the public will access the new facilities via a trail from Voice of America Road. Construction of a road from Voice of America Road to facilitate staff and Service vehicle traffic Alternative C was not selected for implementation because it would result in greater environmental and visitor use impacts. The No Action alternative was not selected for implementation because it would preclude the Service from achieving its goal of locating facilities and staff on the Refuge.

As described in detail in the EA, implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not result in significant impacts to any affected resources.

Based on review and evaluation of the information contained in the EA, I have determined that the proposed action (Construct Facilities on Dungeness NWR at the end of Holgerson Road with Staff Access via Holgerson Road and Public Access via Voice of America Road) would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Accordingly, preparation of an environmental impact statement for the proposed action is not required.

This Finding of No Significant Impact and supporting reference are on file at Washington Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 33 South Barr Road, Port Angeles, Washington, 98362 or on the Complex website at <http://www.fws.gov/washingtonmaritime>. These documents are available for public inspection.

  
Regional Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System

  
Date

References: Environmental Assessment. Proposed Construction and Operation of Refuge Facilities at Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge. August 2007.