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Determination of Non-Significance

Name of Proposal: Chinook Wind Mitigation Project

Description of Proposal:

The Chinook Wind Mitigation Project will create approximately 5.5 acres of aquatic, wetland and riparian habitat adjacent to the Duwamish River. This will be accomplished by removing about 80,000 cubic yards of soil from the site to create a hook-shaped backwater channel surrounded by gently sloping features that will be regularly inundated by tidal fluctuations in water levels. Areas of the finished site above Elevation 5' (NAVD 1988) will be densely planted with native wetland and riparian species (Figure 1). This will provide valuable habitat for juvenile Chinook salmon and other fish species that rear for part of their life histories in the Duwamish River. A pedestrian footpath will be constructed by the City of Tukwila around the north and east edges of the site.

This project will provide compensatory mitigation for impacts to wetlands and aquatic resources caused by developers who have purchased mitigation credits through King County's In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program.

Location of Proposal:

The Chinook Wind Mitigation Project is located at 11244 Tukwila International Blvd. in the City of Tukwila on the right (north) bank of the Duwamish River, at River Mile (RM) 6.7. The site is in the NE quarter of Section 9, Township 23 North, Range 4 East.

Responsible Official:

Josh Baldi


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Proponent and Lead Agency:

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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 Revised Code of Washington (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 (for a nominal photocopying fee).

THIS DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal until after **December 5, 2019**. Comments must be submitted or postmarked by that date.

For additional information, please contact:

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Or visit: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/services/environment/water-and-land/wetlands/mitigation-credit-program/mitigation-sites/project-chinook-wind.aspx>