



STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Date of Issuance: June 15, 2026

Lead Agency: Port of Friday Harbor

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Project: Port of Friday Harbor, Jackson Beach Cannery Pier Removal

Description of proposal: The Port proposes to remove overwater piers and piles associated within the Facility. The purpose of this project is to restore ecological function of the shoreline, intertidal, and subtidal environment through the removal of creosote-treated timber over- and in-water structures. The Facility structures served previous industrial uses that are no longer active.

Creosote is known to be a toxic, carcinogenic, and persistent deleterious substance present in marine environments, which results in adverse effects to fish, invertebrates, and other aquatic organisms. Removal of these structures will eliminate a source of chemical contamination to the marine ecosystem surrounding the Facility. Additionally, removal of overwater structures from shoreline, intertidal, and shallow subtidal areas will improve habitat critical for sensitive species.

The existing structures degrade critical shoreline, intertidal, and shallow subtidal habitat, limiting the growth of marine vegetation, such as eelgrass (*Zostera marina*), and reducing the ecological productivity of these sensitive areas. Shoreline habitat is used by juvenile salmonids for foraging and rearing. Removal of these structures reestablishes natural light penetration, improves sediment conditions, and supports the long-term recovery of native shoreline and nearshore habitats.

Proponent: Port of Friday Harbor

Location of Proposal: Port of Friday Harbor, Jackson Beach Cannery
261 Jackson Beach Rd Friday Harbor, WA 98250
Section 24, Township 35N, Range 3W
48.51836° N, -123.01425° W

SEPA Threshold Determination: Determination of Non-significance (DNS)

Lead Agency: The lead agency has determined that this proposal will 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.

- ☐ This DNS is issued under WAC [197-11-340](#)(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by July 8, 2026 (14 days from June 24, 2026), no later than 4:00 pm.
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Additional project and/or State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) information is available upon request to PO Box 889 Friday Harbor, WA 98250, toddn@portfridayharbor.org, or 360.378.2688.

This DNS has been prepared substantially in the form provided in WAC 197-11-970.

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PoFH Cannery SEPA Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance

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CERTIFICATION

National and State Environmental Protection Act

I hereby certify that the Port of Friday Harbor has complied with the provisions of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), to the extent that the same is applicable, and with provisions of the State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA, chapter 43.21C) including, particularly, wetlands protection for the public facilities project described as follows:

The Port proposes to replace the Existing HOP that currently serves operations throughout the Port's Jensen's Shipyard Cove Facility (Facility). The Existing HOP is located on the Jensen's Boatyard and Marina (Jensen's) subarea (southeast section) of the Facility. The Existing HOP will be replaced within the Shipyard Cove Marina (SCM) subarea (northwest section) of the Facility, in the same location where the Original HOP operated prior to the Port's reliance on the Existing HOP for Facility operations. The Port also proposes to remove from the Shipyard Cove Marina subarea: shallow-water floats and associated piles; vertical concrete shoreline protection; the Original HOP (creosote-treated pile stubs); and an associated concrete slab. Once the replacement HOP is operational, the Port proposes to decommission and remove the Existing HOP. As additional mitigation, the Port also proposes to remove from the Jensen's subarea: and adjacent overwater dock; creosote-treated timber rails; and miscellaneous marine debris.

The Port, as lead SEPA agency, determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Pursuant to WAC 197-11-350(3), the proposal has been clarified, changed, and conditioned to include the mitigation measures to avoid, minimize or compensate for probable significant impacts. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030. This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency.

The Port published the MDNS under Chapter 197-11-350 WAC on May 20, 2026. Pursuant to Port policy, the Port provided interested parties 14 calendar days to comment on the proposed SEPA threshold determination.

At the date of this certification, there has been no challenge to the actions taken by the (city, county or port district) pursuant to NEPA or SEPA, or by any other agency in relation to the above-described project and no challenge is anticipated.

Todd Nicholson

Name of Official

Executive Director

Title

6/17/2026

Date of Certification