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**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT  
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

Date of Issuance: April 30, 2018

Lead agency: Department of Ecology, Toxics Cleanup Program / NWRO

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Description of proposal:

The proposed project will implement a final cleanup action plan for the Blaine Marina, Inc. MTCA site. The project will decommission, demolish, and dispose of above-ground storage tanks, the fueling system, and adjacent buildings. In addition, petroleum-contaminated soils will be excavated, and free and dissolved-phase petroleum hydrocarbons will be removed from groundwater. All contaminated material will be treated and disposed offsite in a permitted facility. Clean backfill will replace the excavated material followed by a program of bioremediation measures to treat remaining low-level contamination (below fixed cleanup levels) in unexcavated portions of the site. Environmental monitoring programs will be implemented to insure cleanup goals are met. Institutional controls, including partial paving and groundwater restrictions, will protect future site use.

Location of proposal:

224 Sigurdson Avenue, Blaine, WA 98230  
Township 40N, Range 1W, Section 01  
Whatcom County Tax Parcel 4051013605300041  
48.992295, -122.763660

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Ecology 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). We have reviewed the Environmental Checklist and Consent Decree that governs the proposed action. These are available here:  
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/CleanupSiteDocuments.aspx?csid=63>

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

No adverse impacts to the environment are identified in the SEPA Checklist and Consent Decree to implement remedial work. The purpose of the project is to remove environmental contamination and prevent harm to human health and the environment.

The comment period for this DNS corresponds with the comment period on a draft Consent Decree which will end on June 5, 2018.

Responsible official:

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Signature



Date

4/30/18

This SEPA decision may be appealed in conjunction with an appeal on the underlying agency action. In this case, the consent decree may be appealed by the applicable citation and summary of timeline.