

**DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
BEACH NOURISHMENT INVESTIGATION/
PASSENGER-ONLY FAST FERRY STUDY**

PROPOSAL: The proposed beach nourishment investigation will involve placement of selected sands and gravels at selected beaches along the Seattle-Bremerton ferry route. The nourished sites and adjacent, non-nourished sites will be monitored over time to measure their response to "typical" existing conditions, "extreme" (i.e. storm) conditions, and exposure to wakes generated by high-speed vessels. The data will be used to assess potential impacts associated with low-wake; high-speed ferries that may be chosen to operate on the Seattle-Bremerton route and to guide future actions for protecting and enhancing the health of shorelines along Rich Passage.

PROPONENT: Kitsap Transit
60 Washington Ave., Ste. 200
Bremerton, WA 98337

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: The subject sites are located at Enetai Beach just north of the Bremerton City limits; Point White Beach, on the northeast shore of Point White on Bainbridge Island, Pleasant Beach on Bainbridge Island, and Point Glover on the south shore of Rich Passage.

LEAD AGENCY: Kitsap Transit

DETERMINATION: 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 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 WAS 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted in writing by November 1, 2006.

You may appeal this determination to Richard M. Hayes, at 60 Washington Ave., Ste. 200, Bremerton, WA 98337 no later than November 15, 2006.


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