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Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 2:49 PM
To: Dewell, Jane (ORA)
Subject: RE: GPT MAP Team Action Items - agencies with expertise

Jane

The state SEPA rules allow for lead agencies to expand the scoping process by inviting agencies with expertise to help review scoping and impact statement documents. I have copied the rules below. The county needs to carry this out in accordance with their local SEPA ordinance.

WAC 197-11-410

Expanded scoping. (Optional)

(1) At its option, the lead agency may expand the scoping process to include any or all of the following, which may be applied on a proposal-by-proposal basis:

- (a) Using questionnaires or information packets.
- (b) Using meetings or workshops, which may be combined with any other early planning meetings of the agency.
- (c) Using a coordinator or team from inside or outside the agency.
- (d) Developing cooperative consultation and exchange of information among agencies before the EIS is prepared, rather than awaiting submission of comments on a completed document.
- (e) Coordinating and integrating other government reviews and approvals with the EIS process through memoranda or other methods.

(f) Inviting participation of agencies with jurisdiction or expertise from various levels of government, such as regional or federal agencies.

- (g) Using other methods as the lead agency may find helpful.

(2) Use of expanded scoping is intended to promote interagency cooperation, public participation, and innovative ways to streamline the SEPA process. Steps shall be taken, as the lead agency determines appropriate, to encourage and assist public participation. There are no specified procedural requirements for the methods, techniques, or documents which may be used in an expanded scoping process, to provide maximum flexibility to meet these purposes.

(3) The lead agency shall consult with an applicant prior to deciding the method and schedule for an expanded scoping process.

(4) Under expanded scoping, an applicant may request, in which case the lead agency shall set, a date by which the lead agency shall determine the scope of the EIS, including the need for any field investigations (to the extent permitted by the details available on the proposal). The date shall occur thirty days or less after the DS is issued, unless the lead agency and applicant agree upon a later date.

197-11-360

Determination of significance (DS)/initiation of scoping.

(1) If the responsible official determines that a proposal may have a probable significant adverse environmental impact, the responsible official shall prepare and issue a determination of significance (DS) substantially in the form provided in WAC [197-11-980](#). The DS shall describe the main elements of the proposal, the location of the site, if a site-specific proposal, and the main areas the lead agency has identified for discussion in the EIS. A copy of the

environmental checklist may be attached.

(2) If an agency adopts another environmental document in support of a threshold determination (Part Six), the notice of adoption (WAC [197-11-965](#)) and the DS shall be combined or attached to each other.

(3) The responsible official shall put the DS in the lead agency's file and shall commence scoping (WAC [197-11-408](#)) by circulating copies of the DS to the applicant, agencies with jurisdiction and expertise, if any, affected tribes, and to the public. Notice shall be given under WAC [197-11-510](#). The lead agency is not required to scope if the agency is adopting another environmental document for the EIS or is preparing a supplemental EIS.

(4) If at any time after the issuance of a DS a proposal is changed so, in the judgment of the lead agency, there are no probable significant adverse environmental impacts, the DS shall be withdrawn and a DNS issued instead. The DNS shall be sent to all who commented on the DS. A proposal shall not be considered changed until all license applications for the proposal are revised to conform to the changes or other binding commitments made by agencies or by applicants.

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Cyrilla,

Thanks for this input. Can you address the process that the County was asking out – what steps do they need to take to formally indentify DNR for this?

Appreciate it. Jane

From: Cook, Cyrilla (DNR)

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Hi Jane:

The Washington Department of Natural Resources should be considered an agency with expertise for purposes of the SEPA process for the GPT project with respect to state-owned tidelands and beds of navigable waters:

- Water resources and water quality
- Hazardous and toxic substances (potential impacts to sediment quality in the marine environment)
- Fish and wildlife

- Natural resources development
- Land use and Management
- Recreation

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject: GPT MAP Team Action Items - pending

State MAP Members:

The following action item was identified during the 3/17 meeting, and we'll be checking on status of action items during the 4/28 meeting. I wanted to provide a 'heads up' on this.

From March 17, 2011 MAP Team Meeting:

MAP Team - Determine steps for County to formally identify 'Agency with Expertise' for SEPA.

Thanks, Jane

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