

# City of Kalama

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND SEPA MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Date of Issuance: July 23, 2015**

**SEPA Lead Agency: City of Kalama, WA**

**Project Title: Marina Parking and Trail Improvements**

**Local permits being applied for:**

- 1) Shorelines Substantial Development Permit
- 2) Building Permit
- 3) Grading and Excavating Permit

**Date Application Received: May 14, 2015**

**Date of Notice of Complete Application: July 10, 2015**

**Associated non-local applications being applied for:**

- 1) Washington State Department of Ecology Stormwater Construction General Permit

### **Description of Proposal:**

The Port of Kalama proposes to reconstruct a parking lot, adjacent roadway, and pedestrian trail, which serve a marina and a professional office building. The project purpose is to improve safety and ADA accessibility. Improvements are needed to meet demands of the area for pedestrian access and use by vehicles and boats during the busy fishing seasons and throughout the year.

The project includes the removal of approximately 122,210 square feet (sf) of existing pavement, 180,905 sf of grading, and 175,109 sf of paving and repaving for parking areas, access roadway and the pedestrian trail. Trail improvements will include removing bollards and replacing them with an 8 foot wide strip that will serve as trail safety buffers from the existing parking lot and road. Each buffer will include trees and shrubs. Boulders will be placed to serve as benches and to keep motorized vehicles separated from the existing trail. The planting areas will also collect, treat and infiltrate on-site stormwater.

ADA and crosswalk improvements are also proposed. A lighting upgrade will occur on both sides of the marina. The improvements will serve to safely connect the existing formal and informal trails to the north and south of the parking lot and office building. The proposed road and parking areas will be defined with striping and signage to suit the area's needs and improve safety. These improvements will increase awareness of pedestrians and bicyclists and make the alternative transportation route safer in an area also used by vehicles. The rock retaining walls adjacent to the shelter will be replaced by new concrete retaining walls to achieve better ADA access. All project construction will be above the ordinary high water mark of the adjacent Columbia River.

**Project Location:**

The site is located at approximately 380 W. Marine Drive in Kalama, Washington. The site is located within Section 18, Township 6 North; Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian. The site lies east of the Columbia River and west of Hendrickson Road. The project site is within parcel number 412640100.

**SEPA Determination:**

As lead agency under the State Environmental Policy Act, the City of Kalama Department of Building and Planning issued a **mitigated determination of nonsignificance (MDNS)** on July 23, 2015. Application materials supporting this determination are available by contacting the SEPA Responsible Official. Such documents include:

1. SEPA Checklist (June 15, 2015)
2. Master permit application for SEPA review, excavation and grading, and shoreline substantial development (May 14, 2015)
3. Grading and Excavation Supplemental Addendum to Master Application (May 14, 2015)
4. Project narrative (May 2014)
5. Shoreline substantial development permit and critical areas protection exemption narrative (May 2015)
6. Permit application narrative (no date provided)
7. Geotechnical letter report (January 24, 2014)
8. Site Plans (75% CD Review/Permit Set)
9. Stormwater Site Plan Report (June 2015)

**Required Mitigation Measures:**

1. Prior to construction, final engineering plans will be submitted for review and approval by the City. Any proposed changes or modifications to these plans and specifications, including those required by other agencies, shall require additional regulatory review and approval by the Department of Building and Planning prior to implementation.
2. All construction must be completed in accordance with the approved plans and the City of Kalama Development Guidelines and Public Works Standards.
3. Portions of the proposal location are located within two hundred feet of the Columbia River, a shoreline of the state. Properties within two hundred feet from the Ordinary High

Water Mark (OHWM) of designated shoreline are considered to be within the shoreline jurisdiction and shall comply with guidelines set forth in the Cowlitz County Shoreline Master Program (SMP), available online at <http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us>

4. The applicant shall adhere to all requirements, best management practices, mitigation measures, and recommendations listed in the Stormwater Site Plan Report, prepared by Wallis Engineering, dated June 2015.
5. The applicant shall adhere to all requirements and recommendations listed in the Bank Slope Stability Letter Report, prepared by GeoDesign Inc., dated January 24, 2014.
6. The applicant shall adhere to all requirements and recommendations listed in the Geotechnical and Environmental Report, prepared by Columbia West Engineering, Inc., dated March 28, 2014.
7. Proper erosion control measures shall be installed prior to any clearing, grading, or construction activities. These control measures shall be effective to prevent stormwater runoff from carrying soil and other pollutants into surface water or storm drains that lead to waters of the state. Sand, silt, clay particles, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered to be pollutants. Erosion control structures or devices shall be regularly maintained and inspected to ensure their proper functioning throughout project construction.
8. Fill materials shall be clean materials and shall be acquired from a permitted source. Any construction debris shall be disposed of at a commercial location and outside of shorelines jurisdiction.
9. Clearing limits and/or any easements or required buffers should be identified and marked in the field, prior to the start of any clearing, grading, or construction. Some suggested methods are staking and flagging or high visibility fencing.
10. Provision should be made to minimize the tracking of sediment by construction vehicles onto paved public roads. If sediment is deposited, it should be cleaned every day by shoveling or sweeping. Water cleaning should only be done after the area has been shoveled out or swept.
11. Proper disposal of construction debris shall be on land in such a manner that debris cannot enter water of the state (e.g., Columbia River) and storm drains draining to waters of the state or cause water quality degradation of state waters. Any spills, soil or debris accidentally entering the water during construction shall be immediately removed by approved methods. All project work shall cease immediately until cleanup of such spills is completed. If a spill does occur, or if an oil sheen or distressed or dying fish are observed in the project vicinity, the applicant shall immediately contact Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) at its Southwest Regional Spill Response Office, (360) 407-6300.

12. All woody vegetation shall be planted within the first growing season post construction activity.
13. The applicant shall provide a copy of the permit, conditions, and drawings to all contractors performing any of the authorized work.

**Date of First Notice:** July 26, 2015

**Date of Second Notice:** August 9, 2015

**Comment Period Ends:** August 25, 2015

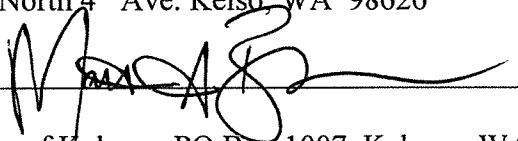
This notice is issued in accordance with State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) regulations RCW 43.21C.080. The City of Kalama has determined that the proposed action, conducted in accordance with the mitigation standards required by the City of Kalama, will not have a probable significant adverse impact 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 City. This information is available to the public on request at Kalama City Hall, 320 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Kalama, WA.

X This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 30 days from the date below.

**Responsible official:** Matt Buchanan  
**Position/Title:** City Planner, City of Kalama  
**Phone:** (360) 577-3041  
**Address:** CWCOG, 207 North 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Kelso, WA 98626

**Date:** July 23, 2015

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



You may appeal this determination to City of Kalama, PO Box 1007, Kalama, WA 98625. All appeals must be filed with the City of Kalama in writing and submitted by 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2015. You may contact Matt Buchanan to ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals or for additional information.