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## **Determination of Non-Significance**

***Name of Proposal:*** The maintenance of agricultural drainages in the Snoqualmie Agricultural Production District and nearby agricultural properties

***Description of Proposal:***

This proposal is for projects to maintain agricultural drainage within the Snoqualmie Agricultural Production District and on nearby agricultural properties to reduce flooding of agricultural fields. . These projects will include the removal of the accumulated sediment and noxious and invasive vegetation that has decreased the capacity of the affected drainages or blocked drainage of historic drain tiles. These projects may also include the removal of the beaver dams in the agricultural watercourses. The agricultural drainage ways will be maintained to historic depth and width. Only sediments accreted since the last maintenance will be removed. Because of the similarity of possible impacts from the multiple drainage maintenance projects and the limited geographic area, King County Water and Land Resources Division is analyzing these similar actions in a single checklist, as allowed in WAC 197-11-060, 3, c., and is addressing them together as a multi-project proposal in this determination. We intend that this SEPA process will cover applications for the agricultural drainage maintenance proposals received in 2010 through 2012.

King County has been working with regulatory agencies to develop best management practices guidelines for ditch maintenance for agricultural areas in unincorporated King County. The guidelines will include such best management practices as the time of year for the project, sediment and erosion control, fish removal from the construction area, and mitigation requirements. The best management practices implemented will depend on the type of watercourse and the likelihood of fish being present during the drainage maintenance project. Watercourses are classified as artificial, modified, or natural channels based how they were created. The likelihood of fish being present is based on known fish presence, water quantity, and water quality. Projects will be evaluated ahead of time to determine the classification of the watercourse. The projects covered by this proposal, which will be conducted following the best management practices described in this proposal, will help to inform the development of the guidelines.

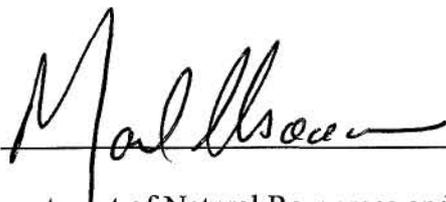
***Location of Proposal:***

This multi-project SEPA covers the maintenance of the agricultural drainages within the Snoqualmie Agricultural Production District and nearby agricultural properties. The Snoqualmie Agricultural Production District includes the Snoqualmie Valley from the

Snohomish County line south to Fall City (Attachment A). Project will occur on active farms in unincorporated King County, Washington.

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The King County Water and Land Resources Division has determined that this project is not likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under Revised Code of Washington (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 (for a nominal photocopying fee). The checklist can be found on the King County website at [www.kingcounty.gov/ag](http://www.kingcounty.gov/ag).

THIS DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal until after **June 23, 2010**. Comments must be submitted or postmarked by that date.

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# Attachment A: Location Map - SEPA Checklist

## Maintenance of Agricultural Drainage in the Snoqualmie Agricultural Production District

