

**CITY OF ORTING NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE Shoreline Exemption Review, Application: 2012-02 "2012 Soldier Home Setback Levee Repair Project", Pierce County Public Works and utilities, Surface Water Management, Applicant. Notice is hereby provided in accordance with Chapter 14, Title 15, Orting Municipal Code and WAC 197-11 that the City of Orting has issued a Determination of Nonsignificance on the following proposal: "Repair approximately 75 lineal feet of the Soldier's Home Setback Levee flood control structure adjacent to 1005 Orting-Kapowsin Hwy E, Orting, WA; along the Puyallup River at mile post 21.45. The repair work is to rehabilitate the levee to its pre-damaged condition; to maintain levee flood control continuity; to protect the nearby Calistoga Bridge and Orting – Kapowsin Highway; and, to prevent further or additional damage to the levee and adverse environmental impacts while maintaining optimal flood conveyance. Levee toe rock will be increased in size within the footprint of the original structure to better withstand the dynamic effects of the river at this location. Mitigation for offsetting adverse effects of the repair work include: placement of three (3) conifer trees and rootwads in an adjacent side channel for enhancement of fish habitat, and planting of woody-stem native riparian vegetation for riparian habitat enhancement. The slope of the levee will be reduced to increase channel capacity and strengthen the structural integrity of the levee. Large woody debris logs will be placed in the channel to reduce erosion. The goal of the project is to repair the levee while avoiding and minimizing impacts to existing riparian habitat, fish habitat, and water quality. Repairs are anticipated to occur in August 2012. The lead agency for this project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment; an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be required under RCW 43.21.030(2)(c). This decision was made after the 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 WAC 197-11-340(2), and is intended to satisfy the requirement of the State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 43.21.C), including the requirement to inform the public of agency decisions pursuant to SEPA. Comments and Appeals will be entertained by the City of Orting within 14 days of the appearance of public notice. Appeals shall be prepared according to the standards listed in Orting Municipal Code sections 15-14-7-5F: Written Notice and 15-14-7-5I: How to Appeal and shall be submitted to the Responsible Official. Cost, of filing an appeal shall be pursuant to City of Orting regulations. Appeals shall be made in person by end of business on August 2, 2012. Contact person: Ken Wolfe, City of Orting, 110 Train Street S.E., Orting, Washington 98360, (360) 893-2219.**