



## CITY OF KIRKLAND

Planning and Community Development Department

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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** AICP, Planning Director

**From:** , Project Planner

**Date:** May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Subject:** Environmental Determination for Pier and Shoreline Restoration  
Address: (see Enclosure 1 Vicinity Map)  
File no:

#### **Proposal:**

The applicant, is proposing to remove a solid cement breakwater from his property and install a new fully grated pier to meets current standards for piers. The City of Kirkland's Shoreline Master Program (SMP) requires that new pier applications also install native plantings along the shoreline. The applicant is proposing additional shoreline enhancement beyond the required native shore plantings. The additional enhancement is proposed as root wads along the shoreline that would be attached to land, but would also be partially within the water to provide additional fish habitat. Small groupings of rocks would surround the root wads. The existing shoreline is a natural shoreline and has no bulkhead. No shoreline stabilization is proposed (see Enclosure 2, applicant's plans).

#### **Background:**

The breakwater is creating a habitat barrier for spawning fish due to the configuration and the fact that it is a solid structure where fish could get trapped along this property shorefront (see Enclosure 2, page 2). Additionally, the breakwater is in disrepair and is no longer functioning as a pier for this property. The proposed new pier, plantings and proposed shoreline restoration will be reviewed as part of the City's Shoreline Management Program (SMP).

#### **SEPA Determination:**

I have had an opportunity to visit the site and review the Environmental Checklist (see Enclosure 3). I have not identified any significant adverse environmental impacts for this project that cannot be mitigated through Kirkland's SMP. Therefore, I recommend that a Determination of Non-Significance be issued for this proposal action. Additional requirements of other State or Federal agencies are the responsibility of the applicant.

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#### **SEPA ENCLOSURES**

1. Vicinity Map
2. Applicant's plans

3. Environmental checklist

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Review by Responsible Official:

I concur

I do not concur

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AICP, Planning Director

Date