Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Date of Issuance of Threshold Determination: March 20, 2012

Description of Proposal: ZON2011-00010: A non-project action to develop the 2012 Fairhaven Neighborhood and Urban Village Plan. The proposal entails: Drafting of a plan; Minor changes to underlying zoning designations; and Drafting new development regulations including design review standards and project review processes. The proposal seeks a balance of environmental stewardship, quality of life, and economic well-being by implementing the goals and policies of the 2006 Bellingham Comprehensive Plan. Compatibility of design with the Fairhaven National Register District is of great importance in this plan.

Proponent: City of Bellingham

Location of Proposal: The area included in the proposal is generally surrounded by Bellingham Bay, Knox St., 13th/14th Sts., and Cowgill Ave.

Lead Agency: City of Bellingham, Planning and Community Development Department

Environmental Information Considered: Environmental Checklist and significant information as cited and attached to this checklist and the Fairhaven Neighborhood and Urban Village Plan. This plan is available at www.cob.org (Enter “Fairhaven Urban Village” in the City’s ‘Search’ bar).

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the project does not have a probable adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under RCW 43.21.C.030(2) c. This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist 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); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. Anyone wishing to comment on this threshold determination is invited to submit written comment(s) to the PCDD by 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2012.

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Appeal rights: Pursuant to BMC 16.20.210(D), there is no administrative appeal of this environmental determination. An appeal to the Growth Management Hearings Board shall be of the governmental action together with its accompanying environmental determination as required by RCW 43.21C.075(2)(a) and RCW 36.70A.280 (1)(a).

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