

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR PERMIT TO US NAVY TO CONSTRUCT, OCCUPY, AND MANAGE
PIER AND SUPPORT FACILITIES FOR TRANSIT PROTECTION SYSTEM
AT U.S. COAST GUARD AIR STATION/SECTOR FIELD OFFICE,
PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON**

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) proposes to grant a permit to the United States Navy (Navy) to construct a pier and support facilities for the Transit Protection System (TPS) at USCG Coast Guard Air Station/Sector Field Office Port Angeles, on Ediz Hook, in Port Angeles, Clallam County, Washington. This project has been thoroughly reviewed by the USCG and it has been determined, by the undersigned, that this project will have no significant effect on the human environment.

This finding of no significant impact is based on the USCG's review and adoption of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Pier and Support Facilities for Transit Protection System at U. S. Coast Guard Air Station/Sector Field Office Port Angeles, Washington prepared by the U. S. Navy, which has been independently evaluated by the USCG and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the environmental issues and impacts of the proposed project and provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an environmental impact statement is not required.

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, Department of Homeland Security Instruction Manual 023-01-001-01, and USCG Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, USCG gives notice that as a cooperating agency to the TPS EA prepared by the Navy and adopted by the USCG, the USCG has conducted an independent review of the EA and has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for the proposed action.

The USCG action will involve granting the Navy a permit to use, operate, and occupy approximately 1.5 acres of upland property at Air Station/Sector Field Office Port Angeles for the purposes of providing pier and support facilities for the TPS. The Navy has fully documented the environmental effects associated with the construction and operation of the proposed pier and support facilities, and has complied with the requirements of applicable federal and state environmental protection laws and regulations. The USCG action of granting the Navy a permit would not involve any new environmental effects in addition to those less than significant effects documented in the TPS EA.

The permit granted by the USCG to the Navy, and future agreements between the agencies regarding operation of the TPS facilities, would include, among other provisions, commitments by the Navy to fund mitigation identified in the TPS EA; to prepare and support the implementation of a Facility Response Plan as required under Section 311 of the Clean Water Act; to comply with relevant federal environmental protection laws; to manage hazardous materials and hazardous waste disposal in accordance with federal law; to provide access to USCG and regulators for the purposes of studying environmental contamination and/or conducting remediation activities; and to support the USCG operational mission.

