

SEPA Advisory Committee Summary

Date: July and October, 2023

Committee Members:

- Doug Gallucci – Environmental Health & Safety
- Anne Eskridge – Transportation Services
- Julie Blakeslee – University Environmental & Land Use Planner, Chair
- Kristine Kenney – University Landscape Architect
- Rob Lubin – Housing & Food Services
- Jecca Canet – Engineering Services

Due to scheduling limitations, email review was conducted for the following two project SEPA checklists/DNS.

Haggett Hall

The purpose of this consistency memorandum and checklist is to document the relationship of the proposed Haggett Hall with the SEPA EIS prepared for the University of Washington 2019 Seattle Campus Master Plan (Final EIS issued on July 5, 2017), and to inform the University of Washington’s decision on SEPA compliance as SEPA Lead Agency.

The Haggett Hall project is being proposed in development site C6 of the campus to provide additional student housing in a residence hall. The project would be a new building approximately 225,000-245,000 square feet, taking the place of the existing Haggett Hall (206,114 square feet) for a net increase of approximately 18,900-38,900 square feet. The building would include student resident rooms, student social space, fitness/wellness center, supporting offices, and storage. This development would complete the original vision for Northeast campus housing redevelopment including McCarty, Madrona, Willow and Oak Halls, and Denny Field. This project is consistent with the 2019 Seattle Campus Master Plan.

A briefing of this project was discussed at the June 20/22, 2023 committee meetings. A draft SEPA checklist was emailed to committee members on July 5, 2023 for their review, prior to these meetings. The scope of the plan and existing features onsite were discussed. Comments were due July 12 and no comments or edits were proposed. The committee approved the checklist and DNS.

East Campus Dock Improvements

The University of Washington is responsible for maintaining numerous overwater structures, boat ramps, and other water dependent structures as part of its facility. Several of these structures are in need of repair, maintenance, or replacement. In addition, the needs have changed since these structures were constructed, and now they need to be updated to meet current demands. Therefore, the UW is proposing to repair, replace, and maintain several docks located along the shoreline of Union Bay in Lake Washington. The project is located within two distinct areas along the shoreline and therefore will be identified and conducted in two phases: WAC Dock Renovation and Conibeare

Shellhouse Dock Renovation.

WAC Dock Renovation—The WAC rents kayaks and canoes from spring through fall. The area is also a popular swimming area during the summer. Student organizations, such as the UW Concrete Canoe Team, Washington Yacht Club, University Kayak Club, U-Wild adventure program, and Union Bay Rowing Club organize their activities at the WAC. The docks at the WAC also provide moorage space for private boaters and tour boats (e.g. Argosy Cruises) during Husky football games. Over the years, there has been increased use of the WAC. Many of the docks are nearing their end of life and have some safety hazards due to deterioration over time. Therefore, the project proposes to replace several docks, remove the boat ramp, add a canoe launch beach, and change the orientation of the dock layout. The proposed project has been carefully designed to meet the current and projected demands at this facility.

Currently, not counting the existing Outer Dock that will not have any repairs or replacement, there are 8 docks comprising 15,114 square feet of overwater structure and a 500-square-foot boat ramp. The proposed renovation would replace 3 existing docks, replace and reorient 1 dock, remove 4 docks, add 2 extension docks at the Outer Dock, and remove the boat ramp. Two of the removed docks would be replaced with a sand / gravel canoe launching beach. It is anticipated that a reduction of 4,484 square feet of overwater coverage would result.

Conibear Shellhouse—The Conibear Shellhouse houses 5 shell bays, training facilities, coaches' offices, and a student-athlete dining hall for the UW crew teams. The current floating docks used for mooring and accessing the crew coach boats are far beyond their end of life and are a safety hazard. The project would replace the existing 2 floats with a new single gangway and float. A boat ramp would also be constructed to provide watercraft access as a replacement to the boat ramp that would be removed at the WAC.

The removal of the existing Conibear coach boat floats, the boat ramp at the WAC docks, and the construction of a new boat ramp including gangway and boarding float at the Conibear Shellhouse would result in a net increase of approximately 464 square feet of overwater coverage. There would also be an increase of three, 18-inch diameter steel piles at the Conibear Shellhouse location.

A SEPA checklist was emailed to committee members for their review September 27, 2023. Comments were due October 10 and no edits were proposed. The committee approved the checklist and DNS.