Snohomish County Public Works has prepared and issued a Final EIS for the proposed Smith Island Restoration Project located in the central third of Smith Island in unincorporated Snohomish County and the northeast corner of the City of Everett.

Snohomish County Public Works Surface Water Management Division proposes to re-establish estuarine tidal marsh habitat on Smith Island for the recovery of endangered Chinook salmon in the Snohomish River Basin. Estuarine tidal hydrology will be reintroduced and a large blind channel network reconnected on 400 acres of Smith Island. This involves the construction of a new setback dike further west of the existing dike along Union Slough in order for the existing dike to be breached in strategic locations. The County is partnering with the City of Everett on this project. The City intends to complete its dike construction project to protect its wastewater treatment plant located to the south of the project site. Fifty acres of the total acreage to be restored is within the City’s jurisdiction.

The project is located on Smith Island, between Interstate 5 and Union Slough, in the eastern half of Section 9, western half of Section 10, the northeastern quarter of Section 16, and the northwest quarter of Section 15, Township 29N, Range 5E, W.M.

An Environmental Impact Statement is required for this project under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). A Final EIS is now available for public review. Responses to comments received during the Draft EIS comment period are included in the Final EIS. The Final EIS may be viewed at the Everett Public Library and at Snohomish County Public Works Customer Service Counter, 2nd Floor, Robert J. Drewel Bldg, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, Washington. The FEIS is viewable online at www.snoco.org, enter keywords “Smith Island EIS” in the Search box. The FEIS is also available for sale at the Public Works Customer Service Counter, $25 checks or cash only. For questions, contact Mark Stamey, Senior Planner, 425-388-3488 ext. 4686.

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