



King County

**Department of Local Services
Permitting Division**

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**Notice of Application
Shoreline Substantial Development
Permit
and SEPA Notice Optional
DNS/MDNS Process**

(Type 2)

Project Name: Vashon Kelp Forest

File No.: SHOR22-0017

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Date Determined Complete: July 12, 2022
Date of Mailing: August 11, 2022

Project Location: The site measures approximately 1,000 feet by 435 feet (10 acres) and the shoreward boundary of the site is between 1,200 and 1,800 feet west of the Vashon Island shoreline along Colvos Passage. The site occurs at depths ranging from approximately 45 feet to 100 feet below mean lower low water (MLLW).

Project Description: Vashon Kelp Forest is proposing to convert approximately 10 acres to support a floating kelp aquaculture facility. A portion of the 10 acres will include anchors and subtidal lines. The remainder will be used for kelp grow lines that are suspended approximately 7 feet below the water's surface by line floats. These buoys, combined with private aids to navigation (PATONs) required by US Coast Guard will be the primary permanent structures visible at the water's surface. It is anticipated that the PATONs will include lights to support night-time navigation.

Permits requested in this application: Shoreline Substantial Development Permit

Environmental review is required, and relevant environmental documents are available online at www.kingcounty.gov/permits/, or at the address above.

Consistency with applicable County plans and regulations: This proposal will be reviewed for compliance with all applicable King County Codes, including Roads Standards, Surface water Design Manual, Zoning, Grading, Shoreline Master Program, and Critical Areas Codes.

Other permits not included in this application, known at this time: Washington DNR Use Authorization for State Owned Aquatic Lands; US Army Corps of Engineers Section 10 Authorization; US Coast Guard – Private Aids to Navigation (PATON)

You are receiving this notice because King County property records indicate that you own property within 500 feet of the proposed project described above.

The Department of Local Services (DLS) will issue a SEPA Threshold Determination and a decision on this application following a minimum, **33-day public comment period which ends September 13, 2022**. Written comments on this application must be submitted to DLS at the address below. A public hearing is not required for this application prior to the DLS decision. However, the DLS decision may be appealed to the Shoreline Hearings Board, who would conduct an appeal hearing prior to making a decision on the appeal. Details of the appeal process will be included in the notice of decision.

This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal. The responsible official has a reasonable basis for expecting to issue a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) on this project. As such, the optional DNS notice process is being used pursuant to WAC 197-11-355. The project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared.

Any person wishing additional information on this proposed project should contact the Project Manager at the phone number or e-mail listed above.

NOTE: To request this information in alternative formats for people with disabilities, please call 206-296-6600 or TTY Relay: 711.

If you wish to receive a copy of the DLS Report and Decision on this application, complete and return the portion below to the Department of Local Services at the address listed above.

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Please send me notification of any official notices concerning this application. **(Please print)**

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Notifications will be sent via Email unless otherwise requested