

**Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment  
Port of Kalama  
Park Conversion**

**Purpose of Notice:**

The proposal involves a federal action to transfer protection of park and recreation uses from property located at the Port of Kalama Recreation Area to property located at Haydu Park, 253 Kalama River Road, Kalama WA 98625 (Replacement Park).

It is the purpose of this notice to provide for the exchange of information regarding the effect of the proposal on the community. This purpose is in accordance with and pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 USC 4321-4347) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965.

**Project Description:**

The Port of Kalama proposes to remove protection from 4.52 acres in the vicinity of Marine Park to accommodate an existing road and wastewater treatment plant and construction of a new tourism facility. Park land and recreational use will be replaced by transferring federal protection to 26 acres at Haydu Park, the Replacement Park.

Recreational improvements at the project site were funded in part using a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant in 1971, which is protected under Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act for outdoor recreation use in perpetuity. Conversion of such park land for non-recreational use requires adequate replacement of the displaced site and use and preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to the NEPA.

**Public Comment Period:**

The National Park Service (NPS) is the federal agency responsible for compliance with the LWCF Act and NEPA, and the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office administers the LWCF grant program on behalf of NPS. The Port of Kalama is issuing this public notice on behalf of the NPS and RCO to encourage public review and comment on the proposed project and its possible impacts. Comments received will be forwarded to the state and federal authorities for consideration.

Comments will be accepted beginning November 1, 2021, until 5:00 p.m. November 30, 2021. Submit written comments to Eric Yakovich, Port of Kalama, 110 W. Marine Dr., Kalama, WA 98625, or via email to [eyakovich@portofkalama.com](mailto:eyakovich@portofkalama.com).

The Draft EA is also available for review at Port of Kalama, 110 W. Marine Dr, Kalama, WA 98625, or the Port of Kalama website: [www.portofkalama.com](http://www.portofkalama.com) .

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