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Judge rejects request for temporary injunction **Not enough evidence provided to show dock construction will cause harm**

SEATTLE – A King County Superior Court Judge on Thursday rejected a request by project opponents for a preliminary injunction to stop construction of a new dock at Glacier Northwest's Maury Island sand and gravel mine.

Judge Palmer Robinson indicated that she could not determine that the project opponents would prevail in their lawsuit challenging a lease approved Dec. 2 by the Department of Natural Resources of the state-owned aquatic lands occupied by the new dock.

This event follows the issuance of a final order from the Director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, ruling that the department was correct in issuing a Hydraulic Project Approval permit for the project. This permit indicates that the project as planned will protect fish species and habitat during construction and operation of the dock. Project opponents have appealed the issuance of the Director's order to King County Superior Court.

The project has also been reviewed by the state Shorelines Hearing Review Board and the state Court of Appeals, both of which ruled unanimously that the project could proceed. The state Supreme Court declined to consider an appeal of the lower court's decision, in essence upholding its ruling.

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