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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 22-050: VOIGHTS CREEK HATCHERY MODIFICATIONS

Description of Proposal:

The project consists of the addition of four 10'x100' rearing raceways, a partial recirculating aquaculture system (PRAS), expansion of the pre-fab metal building feed storage building (243 sf), and hatchery building (588 sf). The purpose of the project is to increase Chinook production by one million fish as part of the SRKW initiative. The project will increase the water usage of the hatchery by 1200-2400 GPM under its current water right. All work to be done as a result of this project remains in the existing asphalt footprint of the facility. Excavation will occur to allow placement of new raceways, predation netting removal and installation, as well as concrete vaults for PRAS system. It is anticipated that there will be no additional traffic volumes as a result of this project, nor changes to utilities.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Voights Creek Hatchery, 18801 Voight Meadows Rd E, Orting, Pierce County, Washington: Township 18N, Range 5E, Section 4.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² **We will not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on November 21, 2022.**

Method of Comment:

SEPA documents related to this proposal can be reviewed at the WDFW SEPA website at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>.

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal. You can submit your comments through one of the following ways:

- Online at the Public Input comment portal for this proposal: <https://publicinput.com/VoightsCreekHatchery>
- Email to: VoightsCreekHatchery@PublicInput.com

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Habitat Program, Protection Division

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/closed-final>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, or have difficulty with the Public Input comment portal, contact Lisa Wood at: SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

DATE OF ISSUE: November 7, 2022

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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