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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 23-019: FALLERT CREEK INTAKE DOWNSTREAM
STABILIZATION

Description of Proposal:

During a flood on January 6th, 2022, approximately 100 linear feet of riverbank was eroded directly downstream of the Fallert Creek Hatchery intake structure on the east side of Fallert Creek (also referred to as Hatchery Creek). The eroded streambank is located next to the hatchery's intake access road, and further erosion would deem the road unusable which would adversely affect the hatchery's ability to operate the intake. To achieve the objectives of long-term erosion protection as well as creating fish habitat, WDFW proposes to use a combination of rip rap and anchored logs. The rip rap will provide long-term durability for the riverbank against future erosion, and the logs, which have root wads, will provide fish habitat. The full design consists of the following elements:

- Geotextile fabric to stabilize existing riverbank, placed underneath riprap.
- Appropriately sized and graded riprap placed with proper machine installation techniques. Slope of the finished bank will target a 50% grade, however some cross sections near the intake require a steeper grade, which will be closer to a 100% grade adjacent to the concrete wing of the intake structure.
- Large logs (approximately 15-30 feet long with root wads) will be placed, and anchored with large manta ray anchors and anchor piles. Three longer logs will be placed parallel to the bank at the toe of the slope, and three shorter logs will be placed perpendicular to the riverbank. Perpendicular logs will be anchored together using standard chain connections.
- Revegetate as possible above ordinary high water (OHW) line.
- Project impact area: Approximately 930 square feet of shoreline

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Fallert Creek Hatchery, 1401 Kalama River Road, Kalama, Cowlitz County, Washington: Township 7N, Range 1W, Section 34.

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 May 24, 2023**.

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/FallertCreekIntake>
- Email to: FallertCreekIntake@PublicInput.com

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

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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: May 10, 2023

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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