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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 23-020: KLICKITAT HATCHERY FACILITY AND PROPERTY TRANSFER

Description of Proposal:

This proposal is to transfer ownership of the Klickitat Hatchery facility and property from WDFW to the Yakama Nation. The hatchery is situated on a 166.99-acre parcel, roughly a quarter of which is covered by hatchery facilities and infrastructure. Originally constructed in the early 1950s utilizing federal funding, the facility complex includes a main hatchery building, several residences, sheds and other outbuildings, as well as 22 hatchery raceways and several associated rearing/holding ponds, circular tanks, and a pollution abatement pond.

In the early 2000's, the Yakama Nation requested WDFW transfer the hatchery facility and parcel to the Yakama Nation, resulting in a June 2003 transfer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). A settlement agreement resulted in WDFW leasing the facility to the Yakama Nation in 2005 along with a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) relating to the joint operation of the facility. On October 18, 2022, Superintendent of Yakama Nation Department of Natural Resources Philip Rigdon wrote a letter to WDFW stating Yakama Nation's desire to complete the transfer as contemplated in the 2003 transfer MOU.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Klickitat Hatchery, 300 Fish Hatchery Road, approximately 7 miles east of Glenwood, Klickitat County, Washington: Township 6N, Range 13E, 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 May 26, 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/KlickitatTransfer>
- Email to: KlickitatTransfer@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: May 12, 2023

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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