



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE SUNSET FALLS FISHWAY.

**Description of Proposal:**

This SEPA is for the placement of a temporary 22"-24" release chute at WDFW's Sunset Falls fishway release site. Currently, WDF&W; TAPPS Division/Habitat Program is responsible for the oversight and operation of the Sunset Falls trap & haul fishway. Fish are trapped at Sunset Falls and hauled several miles upstream of Sunset, Canyon and Eagle Falls. Chinook (ESA Listed), coho, pink salmon including Steelhead (ESA listed) and native char (ESA Listed) are released back into the SF Skykomish where they have access to over 100 miles of habitat. In recent years, high flows have eroded 350' of the release site road. Last year, during high winter flows, the site became unusable without installing sections of 22"-24" diameter pipe over the bank line to safely release the fish. As the level of the river stages (lowers & rises), sections of the pipe will be added or removed by hand.

**Proponent/Applicant:**

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Site is directly accessed off of SR 2, Skykomish Washington, Snohomish County; Section 34, Township 27 North, Range 10 East WM

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

WDFW has determined that this proposal likely will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> 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. If you want to review this information, please contact WDFW at the address below.

Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. If you have comments about this DNS or the proposal, you must send your comments to us so that we receive them within 14 days. This means we must receive your comments by **April 21, 2009**.

When you send us your comments, please provide the name of proposal in your comment letter, and mail the letter to:

**Responsible Official:** Teresa A. Eturaspe

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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You can also send your comments via email to [SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov), or via fax to (360) 902-2946.

After the closing date of the comment period, applicants are encouraged to view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>  
No additional notification will be made.

Applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal once the status is posted as final.

When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, additional notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

**DATE OF ISSUE: April 7, 2009**    **SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

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

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