



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
FINAL DETERMINATION OF  
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**  
December 7, 1999

State of Washington  
**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

**Name of Proposal:** DENNIS - GRASS CARP - FLY ROD POND

**Description of Proposal:** Plant triploid (sterile) grass carp into Fly Rod Pond, with no public access, to control aquatic vegetation.

**The proponent shall incorporate the following mitigation measures into the project:**

1. An additional screen or trash rack shall be added to ensure high water does not damage screened outlet.
2. The applicant must ensure that all planted grass carp, as well as all other species present within the existing pond are, and remain, completely contained within the closed system by whatever means necessary to ensure none escape and enter Pete Creek and/or the Chewuch River downstream of the project site.
3. The applicant (present landowner) must inform WDFW of any transfer of ownership of this pond system, and of any future alterations to this system that might potentially allow for the successful escape of triploid grass carp or other permitted fish species within the pond system to downstream water bodies below the project area (Pete Creek and the Chewuch River).
4. The stocking density of triploid grass carp must be set for aquatic plant control versus eradication, to protect many species of wildlife that rely on this aquatic vegetation as both a food source and hiding cover.
5. The applicant must inform WDFW of any fish mortalities or fish kills occurring within the pond system, and of any future needs for restocking of grass carp and/or other permitted fish species within the pond system prior to their stocking by the applicant.
6. Prior to, and after, the introduction of grass carp, the applicant must allow WDFW access to the pond system at some mutually agreed upon time interval to document the introduction as well as progress and outcome of the project.

**Proponent:** Ben Dennis, Fly Rod Ranch B&B, P.O. Box 425, Winthrop, Washington 98862

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Fly Rod Ranch B&B, 494 Rendezvous Road, Winthrop, Washington, Okanogan, County; Section 08, Township 35 North, Range 21 East WM

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **December 6, 1999**

**Responsible Official:** Peter Birch

**Position/Title:** Environmental Services Division Manager

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**DATE OF ISSUE:** November 22, 1999

**SIGNATURE:**  for Peter Birch

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