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ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

Description of proposal: Implementation of the Puget sound Chinook Harvest Resource Management Plan (RMP)

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fish Program, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091. Contact Person: Pat Pattillo

Location of current proposal: Puget Sound in the State of Washington, Parts of Townships 21 and 41 and Townships 22 through 40 North, Parts of Ranges 04 East and 04 West, and Ranges 01 Through 03 East and Ranges 01 Through 03 West WM

Title of document being adopted: Environmental Assessment for the 4(d) Rule Determination on the Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Resource Management Plan

Agency that prepared document being adopted: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Region, 7600 Sand Point Way Northeast, Building 1, Seattle, Washington, for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Date adopted document was prepared: May 13, 2003

Description of document (or portion) being adopted: The NEPA Environmental Assessment evaluates a co-authored harvest plan between Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Puget Sound treaty tribes under Limit 6 of the ESA 4(d) Rule. The Resource Management Plan (RMP) is a set of objectives for chinook salmon populations that guide the co-managers in shaping annual harvest management measures. The plan's intentions are to reduce impacts to federally-listed chinook under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This adoption only adopts the portions that are directed at non-treaty commercial and all-citizen sport fisheries. Treaty tribes in the State of Washington are not subject to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) unless they voluntarily choose to seek SEPA review.

If the document being adopted has been challenged (197-11-630), please describe: No challenge to this NEPA EA is known at this time.

The document is available to be read at (place/time):

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fish Program - Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

The Chinook RMP is available on-line at: <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. A copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the RMP is available at NOAA – Fisheries Northwest Region, Sustainable Fisheries Office, 7600 Sand Point Way Northwest, Seattle, Washington 98115. A copy of the EA may be read at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Habitat Program, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091.

We have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

Name of agency adopting the document: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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