



WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: ONE YEAR PUGET SOUND CHINOOK HARVEST RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Description of Proposal: The Harvest Resource Management Plan (HRMP) will guide managers in planning annual harvest regimes, as they affect listed Puget Sound Chinook for the 2003 management year. Under WAC 197-11-835(1) and WAC 197-11-840(1), establishment of annual fishing seasons, catch limits or fishing areas are exempt. However, broad-based approaches which provide protection for fish species is not exempt. The plan establishes ways to reduce or avoid impacts on chinook while still allowing fishing opportunities for recreational fishers and maintaining commercial harvest of healthy stocks.

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

1. Adhere to timing and area closures where applicable to prevent additional impacts to critically depressed chinook stocks.
2. Use catch and release methods (selective fisheries) in areas where appropriate, to avoid conflict with depressed stocks.
3. Maintain Recovery Exploitation Rates (MFR) and the Critical Abundance Thresholds (CAT) as proposed in the plan to insure protection of genetic viability of protected stocks.
4. Apply monitoring and Adaptive management where necessary if escapement rates appear to be less than expected.

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

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 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

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 **June 6, 2003**

Responsible Official: Cynthia R. Pratt

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e-mail: habitatSEPA@dfw.wa.gov if you have questions or comments about this determination.

DATE OF ISSUE: May 23, 2003 **SIGNATURE:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia R. Pratt", is written over a horizontal line.

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