



**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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**REVISED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE  
WITH CONDITIONS**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has considered comments received on the original Threshold Determination for this project and is providing additional information that may be of interest to other agencies or the public. The information provided does not substantially change the analysis of the significant impacts in the existing environmental checklist.

**Name of Proposal:** WOODY DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM RIFFE AND MAYFIELD LAKES

**Description of Proposal:** The proponent proposes to remove floating woody debris that accumulates on the surface of Riffe and Mayfield Reservoirs. The activity would occur yearly, depending on accumulated debris from the previous winter and early spring high flows. During some years, debris accumulation will be minimal so that debris removal will not be necessary.

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

1. Large woody debris (defined as native tree species equal to, or greater than, a minimum 10 inch diameter at any point along its bole with a minimum length of 20 feet) will be distributed back into the river system using the following priority:
  - a. Placed on the bank near, or in, an active channel of the Cowlitz River or its tributaries so that it enters back into the system gradually to provide fish habitat (i.e., shading, hiding, resting). Log placement should be discussed with the local area habitat biologist.
  - b. Made available for other project proponents in the Cowlitz River watershed for habitat enhancement projects.
  - c. Placed in other watersheds outside of the Cowlitz River if the local fish and wildlife biologist approves. Other disposal mechanisms shall be of lower priority.
2. Disposal of debris not meeting the size requirement of LWD (i.e., twigs, bark, leaves) will follow methods acceptable through other agency permit requirements.

**Proponent:** Tacoma Power, 3628 South 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma, Washington 98409-3192.  
Contact Person: Marc Wicke.

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Riffe Lake and Mayfield Lakes, By Highway 12, Near Mossyrock Dam, Approximately 7 ½ Miles West of Morton, Washington, Lewis County; Section 10, Township 12 North, Range 03 East, Section 27, Township 12 North, Range 04 East, and Section 29, Township 12 North, Range 02 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.

**There is no comment period for the Revised DNS.**

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