



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
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Name of Proposal: LAKE SCANEWA FISH TRAPS
(COWLITZ FALLS ANADROMOUS FISH RE-INTRODUCTION PROJECT)

Description of Proposal: Project proposes to place and operate two "Lake Merwin" fish traps in Lake Scanewa to improve the collection and overall fish passage survival of summer migrating chinook smolts until the fish collection efficiency of the Cowlitz Falls Fish facility can be improved. The traps float in the reservoir and are held in place by anchor systems sitting on the bottom of the reservoir and by ropes/cables attached to stumps and trees on the reservoir shoreline. Any attachments to trees will be padded to protect the trees. Smolts collected will be transported downstream to the lower Cowlitz River from where they can continue their oceanward migration. This work is part of the Cowlitz Falls Anadromous Fish Reintroduction Program and an interim measure requested of Tacoma Power by NOAA- Fisheries. This work will be conducted by both WDFW and PSMFC personnel with funding from Tacoma Power and BPA. This work will be conducted from June through October.

Proponent: WDFW-Cowlitz Falls Fish Facility, 1379B Falls Road, Randle, Washington 98377

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Approximately 1/2 mile below the confluence of the Cowlitz and Cispus arms of Lake Scanewa. The Cowlitz Falls Project is located at River Mile 88.5 on the Cowlitz River. The Cowlitz Falls Dam is located at 1379B Falls Road, Randle, Washington, Lewis County; Northeast 1/4 of Section 06, Township 11 North, Range 06 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: **May 10, 2004**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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