



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
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Name of Proposal: ADOPTION- OILED BIRD REHABILITATION CARE STANDARDS

Description of Proposal: The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is proposing draft rule language that will establish oiled bird rehabilitation standards. The success of oiled bird rehabilitation activities is dependent on the standards of care provided. Some of the key elements critical to successful rehabilitation include the availability of adequate quantities and qualities of water, space, air and specialized supplies. For oiled bird rehabilitation operations to be most successful, these critical components must be available in a timely manner and in quantities commensurate with the numbers of birds oiled. Rules reflecting the necessary thresholds of these critical components are needed. Standards developed in rule that are based on the best available science will provide the guidance necessary to ensure a significantly greater level of success when engaging in oiled bird rehabilitation activities. Once adopted these rehabilitation standards will apply to those individuals or entities that physically possess and rehabilitate oiled birds. The new oiled bird rehabilitation standards will be integrated into WAC 232-12-275 which regulates wildlife rehabilitation permits and activities.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1066- Contact Person: Eric Larsen 360/902-8123

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Statewide, Washington

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 21 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **July 29, 2004**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: July 8, 2004 **SIGNATURE:**

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