



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
FINAL DETERMINATION OF  
NON-SIGNIFICANCE  
October 21, 2004**

State of Washington

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

**Name of Proposal:** OTTER CREEK RESTORATION

**Description of Proposal:** The WSDOT diverted and ditched Otter Creek in the 1950's to facilitate highway construction. This stretch of creek is filled in with sediment and overgrown with reed canary grass causing stream flows to slow and stagnate. The proposed project will excavate the sediment and reed canary grass root wads from 1340 feet of the ditched creek and burn and till approximately ¾ acre of reed canary grass along the creek banks. Trees and native shrubs will be planted the following spring to control or eliminate the reed canary grass and stabilize the creek banks.

**Proponent:** John Galley-Landowner and Pend Oreille Conservation District- Project sponsor.  
John Galley – 322 Nicholson Road, Elk, WA 99009 (509) 292-8844  
Pend Oreille Conservation District- Russ Fletcher PO Box 280, Newport, WA 99156- (509) 447-4217

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Otter Creek, Elk, Washington, Pend Oreille County; NW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 30 North, Range 43 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: **October 20, 2004**

**Responsible Official:** Teresa A. Eturaspe

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**DATE OF ISSUE:** October 6, 2004

**SIGNATURE:** 