



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
February 24, 2006**

State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Mailing Address: 600 Capitol Way N - Olympia, Washington 98501-1091 - (360) 902-2200, TDD (360) 902-2207
Main Office location: Natural Resources Building - 1111 Washington Street SE - Olympia, WA

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: TOUCHET RIVER SCREEN CONSOLIDATION AND FISHWAY PROJECT

Description of Proposal: The proposed action includes equipment mobilization to the project area, construction of a temporary river access ramp, excavation of the temporary diversion channel and diversion of the Touchet River, fish removal and relocation, Demolition of the existing concrete intake structure, installation of temporary dam support structures, construction of the Pool and Chute Fishway, Intake, and fish screens, removal of the temporary diversion structure and restoration of the original stream channel, removal of the stream access ramp and restoration, installation of the pipeline, and rehabilitation of the entire site, including revegetation. Project construction would begin in July of 2006, with in stream work starting from July 15th and the in stream components of the project completed by September 30th, 2006.

These activities are described in detail in the following attached documents:

Touchet River Consolidation and Fishway Project Description.

The Biological Assessment of the Effects on Endangered, Threatened, or Proposed Wildlife, Fish and Plant Species for the Touchet River Consolidation Project. (DRAFT)

These documents are hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Determination of Non Significance. These documents are a part of this SEPA review package.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 456 Walla Walla, WA 99362 –Project Contact: David Karl (509)527-413

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Touchet River, Dayton, Washington, Walla Walla County; Section 29 and 30, Township 10 North, Range 39 EastWM

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: **February 23, 2005**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, Regulatory Services Section

Address: 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501

Please contact: Teresa A. Eturaspe **Phone:** (360) 902-2575 **Fax:** (360) 902-2946 or **e-mail:** habitatSEPA@dfw.wa.gov if you have questions or comments about this determination.

DATE OF ISSUE: February 9, 2006

SIGNATURE: 

SEPA Log Number: 06 -011dns

Distribution of Environmental Document:

Department of Ecology, Environmental Review Section, Olympia
Department of Natural Resources, SEPA Center, Olympia
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Upper Columbia River Basin Field Office, Spokane
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle
NOAA - Fisheries, Seattle
Natural Resource Conservation Service, Walla Walla
Walla Walla Regional Planning Department, Walla Walla
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission, Portland, OR
Umatilla Tribe, Pendelton, OR
Department of Transportation, So. Central Region, Yakima
WDFW, Habitat Program, Region 1, Spokane
WDFW, Fish Program, Region 1, Spokane
WDFW, Wildlife Program, Region 1, Spokane