



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE DATED: APRIL 20, 2005

**Name of Proposal:** KLICKITAT HATCHERY TRANSFER AND LYLE FALLS USE AGREEMENT

**Description of Proposal:** The proposed project would transfer ownership of the Klickitat Salmon Hatchery and responsibility for operation of the Lyle Falls fishways from WDFW to the Yakama Nation. Following transfer of title for the hatchery and execution of a long-term use agreement for the Lyle Falls fishway, the Yakama Nation will operate the hatchery, and both fishways, under the auspices of the Yakama-Klickitat Fisheries Project (YKFP), in cooperation with WDFW. Through reservations in the title to the hatchery, WDFW retains reversionary rights if hatchery operations cease for more than two years, and maintains existing public access and timber rights. The decision to enter into a use agreement with the YN for Lyle Falls, as well as to terminate an MOU and an easement at Castile Falls (located in Yakima County, on the Yakama Reservation) are exempt from SEPA pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(5). However, the action at Lyle Falls is directly related to the hatchery transfer and thus likely falls within SEPA review under WAC 197-11-305, as the draft Anadromous Plan describes the potential for inter-related operation of the Lyle Falls fishway and the Hatchery. The Lyle Falls use agreement is interrelated with the hatchery transfer, as WDFW would likely not proceed with the Lyle Falls action unless the hatchery action proceeds in some fashion. The Castile Falls action is unrelated, as the location of the fishways on the "closed portion" of the Yakama Reservation argues for the transfer of responsibility regardless of the hatchery transfer. Since it is unrelated, it is not considered further in this checklist.

At present, hatchery and fishway operations are independent and will remain so until future plans are implemented following environmental review and agency approvals. As noted in response to previous questions, no immediate changes to hatchery or fishway operations are anticipated. WDFW approval of future operational or structural changes will be accompanied by the appropriate SEPA review.

**Proponent:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Project Contact:** Bill Tweit, Intergovernmental Resource Management, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia WA 98501-1091, (360) 902-2723

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** The hatchery parcel proposed for transfer is located in Klickitat County, Washington, Klickitat County; the South half of the Northeast quarter (S $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 04, Township 06 North, Range 13 East W.M.

The fishway parcel subject to the proposed long-term use agreement is located in Klickitat County and is described as:

Washington, Klickitat County, the south 100 feet of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) and the north five hundred sixty (560) feet of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 26, all lying easterly of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway right of way; ALSO, the north 75 feet of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) and the south 100 feet of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 25, Township 03, Range 12 East W.M.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Environmental Document Being Withdrawn:** Determination of Nonsignificance for Klickitat Hatchery Transfer And Lyle Falls Use Agreement. **Issued** : April 20, 2005

**The DNS is being withdrawn because the proposal has changed.**

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