WAC 197-11-960 Environmental checklist.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: WDFW's Muskellunge Broodstock Development to Maintain the Current Tiger Muskie Program

2. Name of applicant: Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: Steve Jackson (360-902-2821)
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

4. Date checklist prepared: July 18, 2006

5. Agency requesting checklist: Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Start October 2006, continue fish spawning operations, fish culture, and fish planting actions annually thereafter.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

Future actions would be limited to the annual muskellunge egg taking operations and tiger muskie egg production at Newman Lake and Silver Lake in Spokane County, fish culture of muskellunge and tiger muskies at Columbia Basin Hatchery, restocking of muskellunge in Newman and Silver Lakes. Tiger muskies would continue to be planted into existing SEPA approved waters.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

NONE

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

NONE

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

NONE

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

SEE PROJECT DESCRIPTION ATTACHMENT

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

Newman Lake (T26N, R45E, Sec. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11) and (T27N, R45E, Sec 34), Silver Lake (T24N, R41E, Sec.16, 17, 20, 21, 29) in Spokane County. WDFW's Columbia Basin Hatchery located four miles north of Moses Lake in Grant County. (T20N, R28E, Sec. 36).

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other . . .

Mostly flat land surrounds the two lakes and the Columbia Basin Hatchery. The specific site of the activities will be on the two lakes near the shorelines or in the Columbia Basin Hatchery Building.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Zero percent slope.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

All project activities are on the two lakes or in a hatchery building

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

NO

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Does not apply

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

NO

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

There will not be any changes to impervious surfaces at the sites related to this project.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

NONE

a. **Air**

a. **What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

NONE

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

NONE

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

NONE

3. **Water**

a. **Surface:**

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Columbia Basin Hatchery outflow has multiple in-line screens isolating any cultured fish from escaping into the hatchery outlet creek that ultimately connects to Crab Creek that flows into Moses Lake. Newman Lake has a short ditch outlet that goes underground in a wetland bog, there are no connections to any surface waters. Silver Lake does not have any outlet or connections to any other surface waters.

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Hatchery cultured muskellunge will be planted annually into Newman and Silver Lakes. During the spring, adult muskellunge will be trapped netted and spawned on site. No construction activities are associated with these actions.

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

NONE

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

NO

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Fish planting and spawning activities will be on the lake near the shorelines of Newman and Silver Lakes in Spokane County.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

There are no additional discharges associated with this project as current hatchery fish culture discharge is already covered under DOE's NPDS Permit #WAG13-7010

b. Ground:

1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

NO

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Current hatchery discharge will not change and is covered under DOE's NPDS Permit #WAG13-7010.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

No change related to project.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

NO

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

NONE

4. **Plants**

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

_____ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

_____ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

_____ shrubs

_____ grass

_____ pasture

_____ crop or grain

X___ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

X___ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

_____ other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

NONE

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

NONE

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

NONE

5. **Animals**

a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, **songbirds**, other: Osprey, ducks, and geese.
mammals: **deer,** bear, elk**, beaver,** other:
fish**: bass**, salmon, **trout**, herring, shellfish**, other:** - perch, carp crappie, walleye, sunfish, sucker sp. , bullhead catfish, tench, and goldfish.

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

NONE

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Migratory waterfowl: ducks and geese.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

NONE

6. Energy and natural resources

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Vehicle and boat fuel necessary to transport fish to be planted and to trap adults for spawning activities.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

NO

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

NONE

7. Environmental health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

NONE

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

NONE

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

NONE

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

NONE

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

There would be outboard motor noise during daytime hours.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

NONE

8. Land and shoreline use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

The current use of the site is: residential, recreational homes and public boat launch.

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

Some limited grazing near Newman and Silver Lake.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

WDFW's Columbia Basin Fish Hatchery located near Moses Lake.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

NO

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Silver Lake is Rural Traditional, Rural Conservation, Small Tract Ag, Newman Lake is Rural Conservation.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Silver Lake is Rural Traditional, Rural Conservation, Small Tract Ag, Newman Lake is Rural Conservation.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Both Silver Lake and Newman Lake are designated Conservancy

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

NO

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

Project does not change current personnel levels.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

NONE

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

NONE

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

Project is consistent with existing land uses.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

NONE

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

NONE

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

NONE

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

No new structures involved with project.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

NONE

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

NONE

11. Light and glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? NONE

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

NO

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

NONE

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

NONE

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Fishing, water skiing, boating, and swimming

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

NO

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

NONE

13. Historic and cultural preservation

a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

NO

b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

NONE

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

NONE

14. Transportation

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Newman Lake public access is from SR-290 to Newman Lake Drive. There are numerous other routes to this water. Silver Lake public access is from I-90 to Medical Lake - Four Lakes Rd. There are numerous other routes to this water.

b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

There are likely public transit to both of these waters,. The specifics are unknown.

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

NONE

d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

NO

e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

Broodstock trapping and spawning activities will occur near the waters shorelines. Transportation to sites will be by vehicles and on water in small boats.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

One trip per day in the early spring will occur over a period of one month.

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

NONE

15. Public services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

NO

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

NONE

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

These utilities are currently found at the Columbia Basin Hatchery. Sanitary facilities are present at the two lakes, no other utilities are needed at these lakes where broodstock collection activities would occur.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity that might be needed.

NONE

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: .....

Date Submitted: .....

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

(do not use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

There are no anticipated increased discharge to waters, emissions to air, or production, storage and release of toxic or hazardous substances, or production of noise associated with this project.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

NONE

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

There would be no change at either Newman or Silver Lakes with the introduction of muskellunge as these two waters current have tiger muskies present. Over time, tiger muskies in only these two waters would be replaced with muskellunge. There would be no changes associated with the culture of muskellunge at the Columbia Basin Hatchery as tiger muskies have been cultured there for 6 years. The major difference would be that the isolating screening has been increased from one screen to five in-line screens to prevent any escapement out of the hatchery into the hatchery outlet creek.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

At the Columbia Basion hatchery, the outlet screens have been increased from a single screen to five in-line screens to prevent any escapement from the facility. Hatchery egg and fry incubation building is locked at all times to prevent unsupervised public access.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

There would be no depletion of energy or natural resources.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

Protective measures include the increased outlet screening at the hatchery, the lockdown of the hatchery incubation building to the public, and the limited planting of muskellunge into only two waters that have no connections to other surface waters.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic

rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

There would be no connections or impacts to the above listed areas of concern.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

The project would limit the planting of muskellunge into only Newman Lake and Silver Lake in Spokane County. These two waters have no connection to other surface waters and currently contain similar populations of tiger muskies. The measures taken at the Columbia Basin Hatchery include the increase from one outlet screen to five in-line outlet screens and the lockdown of the hatchery incubation building to the public.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The project would have no affect on the current land and shoreline use nor would it affect future uses.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

NONE

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

There would be no related increase demands on: transportation, public services and utilities associated with this project.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

NONE

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The project does not conflict with any local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.