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ADDENDUM TO DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS, DATED: AUGUST 22, 2006

Name of DNS: WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE (WDFW)
STATEWIDE STEELHEAD RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP) WITH A
CURRENT FOCUS ON PUGET SOUND, WASHINGTON

Description of DNS: The Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife is developing a statewide steelhead resource management plan to address hatchery, harvest, and monitoring actions needed for continued steelhead population preservation and recovery. Consistent with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the WDFW will complete a phased review. The first phase is a non-project proposal, which assesses potential environmental impacts of strategies designed to improve hatchery, harvest, and monitoring actions pertaining to steelhead programs in the Puget Sound steelhead Distinct Population Segment (DPS) including detailed summaries of approximately ten watersheds. This Puget Sound steelhead DPS is identified by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in the March 26, 2006 Federal Register Notice proposal to list Puget Sound steelhead (71 FR 15666). WDFW is currently focusing on watersheds within Puget Sound. Detailed summaries of steelhead watersheds in other regions of Washington State will be addressed at a later date.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, **Project Contact:** Steelhead RMP Project Manager, Amilee Wilson, at 360-902-2856 or email wilsoalw@dfw.wa.gov

Location of DNS, including street, if any: All affected steelhead populations in the Puget Sound area included in the Puget Sound steelhead Distinct Population Segment (DPS) identified by NOAA Fisheries in the Federal Register notice "Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat: 12-month Finding on Petition to List Puget Sound Steelhead as an Endangered or Threatened Species under the Endangered Species Act" (70 FR 15670). This steelhead DPS includes all natural populations below natural and man-made impassable barriers, in streams in the river basins of Puget Sound, Hood Canal, Strait of Juan de Fuca, bounded to the west by the Elwha River and to the north by the Nooksack River and Dakota Creek (all inclusive), including Green River natural and Hamma Hamma winter-run hatchery steelhead stocks.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency is providing updated information on this project which may be of interest to other agencies or the public. The updated information provided below does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental checklist.

The original environmental checklist dated August 22, 2006, should be modified to reflect the following corrections:

Comments submitted via email format will not be accepted. Written comments should be received at the address listed no later than

~~September 12, 2006.~~ **September 26, 2006**

Based on the original environmental checklist and the updated information provided in this addendum, the lead agency has determined that a new threshold determination is not warranted. There is no comment period associated with this SEPA environmental checklist addendum.

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DATE OF ISSUE: August 28, 2006 **SIGNATURE:**



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