



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
FINAL DETERMINATION OF  
NON-SIGNIFICANCE  
March 30, 2007**

State of Washington

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

**Name of Proposal:** TIGER TROUT STOCKING IN BEEHIVE, LILLY, CLEAR & BLACK LAKES RESERVOIRS, ALSO KNOWN AS "WENATCHEE HEIGHTS LAKES"

**Description of Proposal:** In mid June of 2007 Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) proposes to replace annual stocking of brook trout fingerlings into each of the following waters: Beehive, Lilly, Clear and Black Lakes (irrigation reservoirs) "Wenatchee Heights Lakes" with 1,000 tiger trout in each lake. Most fisheries agencies are concerned about potential negative interactions among native and non-native fish species, particularly interbreeding between brook trout and bull trout. Brook trout negatively affect bull trout via interbreeding resulting in genetic dilution and alteration. The proposed lakes drain through swampy areas and small streams and eventually connect to creeks that flow to the Columbia River. Bull trout may be present in the creeks and are known to be present in the Columbia River. Tiger trout are a hybrid cross between brown trout and brook trout and like all hybrids are sterile thus cannot breed with bull trout.

**Proponent:**

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Township 22N and Range 19 E and 20E, Lilly is in section 22, Clear section 23, Beehive section 12, Black section 16 and 21, Washington, County; Chelan EastWM These ponds are on page 67 of the Washington Atlas and Gazetteer.

**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 regarding this proposal must be submitted by: March 29, 2007**

**For project comments please provide the name of proposal in the subject of the comment letter and mail to:**

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**DATE OF ISSUE:** March 15, 2007 **SIGNATURE:**



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