



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (WDFW)
WIND POWER GUIDELINES 2009

Description of Proposal: This is a non-project proposal. WDFW has developed guidance for wind power developers and permitting authorities to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to fish and wildlife resources as these relate to the development of wind derived energy facilities in Washington State. The guidelines are divided into six chapters; Baseline and Monitoring Studies, Minimization of Wildlife Impacts, Operational Monitoring, Research Oriented Studies, Habitat Mitigation, and Habitat Types. WDFW Wind Power Guidelines is a non-regulatory document focused upon habitat protection for wildlife; therefore land use decisions and other requirements are determined by entities with jurisdictional authority related to the development of land-based wind facilities.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The WDFW Wind Power Guidelines were developed for land-based wind facility proposals throughout Washington State.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal likely will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us. If you want to review this information, please contact WDFW at the address below.

Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 33 days** from the date we issued the DNS. If you have comments about this DNS or the proposal, you must send your comments to us so that we receive them within 33 days. This means we must receive your comments by **March 31, 2009**.

When you send us your comments, please provide the name of proposal in your comment letter, and mail the letter to:

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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

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You can also send your comments via email to SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov, or via fax to (360) 902-2946.

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: February 26, 2009 **SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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