



**State of Washington**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
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**DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE  
AND  
ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

**Name of Proposal: LYLE FALLS FISH PASSAGE PROJECT  
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)**

**Description of Proposal:**

In 2006, at the recommendation by the Northwest Power Planning Council, BPA commenced with an environmental analysis of the proposed Lyle Falls Fishway modifications. This project is located on the lower Klickitat River in Klickitat County, Washington, about two miles from the confluence with the Columbia River. The modifications would improve fish passage for salmonids, facilitate fish movements into spawning areas of the Klickitat River watershed, and facilitate collection and monitoring of biological information for future fishery management. The primary benefits of the project would be to fall Chinook and coho salmon, but the improvements would also facilitate migration for spring Chinook salmon, steelhead trout, Pacific lamprey and coho salmon. The Lyle Falls Fishway is owned by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and operated by the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.

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

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** The proposed project is on the Klickitat River, about two miles upriver from its confluence with the Columbia River near Lyle, Washington

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

**EIS Required.** WDFW has determined that this proposal may have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). An EIS and other materials indicating the likely environmental impacts can be reviewed at our offices or at

[http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental\\_services/Document\\_Library/Lyle\\_Falls/](http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Lyle_Falls/)

**Adoption of Existing Environmental Document:** Pursuant to WAC 197-11-360 (2) After independent review WDFW has identified and adopted the following document as being appropriate for this proposal.

**Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project, Final Environmental Impact Statement**  
DOE/EIS-0397 November 2008

**The document(s) meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.**

**Title of document being adopted: Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project-EIS**

**Agency that prepared document being adopted:** Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621 Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

**Date adopted document was prepared:** November 2008

**Description of document (or portion) being adopted:** Environmental Impact Statement

**If the document being adopted has been challenged (197-11-630), please describe:** N/A

**Name of agency adopting the document:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**The document is available to be read at:**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Natural Resources Building,  
1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Or on line at: [http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental\\_services/Document\\_Library/Lyle\\_Falls/](http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Lyle_Falls/)

**Lyle Fish Passage Environmental Impact Statement Schedule**

**Bonneville Power Administration**

**Environmental Planning**

**Portland, OR**

- ☐ Recommendation from NW Power & Conservation Council – March 7, 2006
- ☐ Issue public Notice of Availability of EIS – June 26, 2006
- ☐ Public scoping period – June 26, 2006 to July 26, 2006
- ☐ Public scoping meeting and site visit in Lyle, WA – July 11, 2006
- ☐ Prepare Draft EIS - August 16, 2006 to February 2007
- ☐ Issue Public Notice and Draft EIS – May 11, 2007
- ☐ Public comment period on Draft EIS – May 11 to June 25, 2007
- ☐ Public meeting on Draft EIS – June 30, 2007
- ☐ Complete Mitigation Action Plan – January 9, 2008
- ☐ Issue Final EIS Public Notice – January 31, 2008
- ☐ Complete Record of Decision – January 31, 2008.

We issued this DS/Adoption under WAC 197-11-360 (2). We will not act on this proposal for 7 days from the date of issuance of this adoption.

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