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OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
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Name of Proposal: PUMP SCREEN INSTALLATIONS- YAKIMA RIVER BASIN (KITTITAS, YAKIMA AND BENTON COUNTIES)

Description of Proposal: The Yakima Tributary Access and Habitat Program (YTAHP) focuses on preventing entrainment caused by irrigation diversions, providing passage for migratory fish through man-made barriers, and improving instream and riparian habitat conditions within the Yakima Basin. Many pump diversions are improperly screened, endangering fish of becoming entrained into the irrigation systems and/or injured from non-compliant intake screens. The proposed installation of NOAA Fisheries and WDFW compliant fish screens on pre-existing pump diversions will reduce these risks to aquatic life. Installation of these pump screens consists of removing the non-compliant screen from the pump intake line and connecting the new fish screen to the pre-existing intake line. Screen installation will require the use of hand tools, and for large or heavy screens it will require the use of a boom truck or equivalent equipment to lift and set the screen. All permits required by federal, state, and local agencies will be obtained and work will comply with all permit provisions

Proponent:
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Yakima River Basin, including Watershed Resource Inventory Areas 37, 38, and 39 in Kittitas, Yakima, and Benton Counties, Washington (See attached map)

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 must be submitted by: **February 21, 2007**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: February 07, 2007 **SIGNATURE:** Teresa A. Eturaspe

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