



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: NEANTHES ARENACEODENTATA CULTURE AND SALE

Description of Proposal: *N. arenaceodentata* is a marine polychaete worm that is required for testing the toxicity of sediments, especially potential dredged material, throughout the United States, including Washington, as well as in some foreign countries. Currently the only commercial supplier to testing laboratories is a emeritus professor at California State University Long Beach, who is soon to retire. His population of *N. arenaceodentata* was initiated by the collection of six worms in the 1960s from the Los Angeles, CA area. The population has been cultured exclusively in the laboratory since that time. We propose to take over the culture and sale of the species upon his retirement to maintain the supply of the organism for environmental toxicity testing purposes. As the species is not native to Washington, precautions must be taken to avoid release of the organism, or the introduction of any shellfish disease that may be associated with the organism. All precautions and protocols will be set forth in the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife shellfish import and transport permits which will be issued following SEPA review. See additional details in the checklist.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 1849 Charleston Beach Road West, Bremerton, Washington, Kitsap County; Section 28, Township 24 North, Range 1 East WM

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

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely 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.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **June 15, 2010**

You can submit your comments by email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov, through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name of the proposal in your comment letter.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

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: June 1, 2010 **SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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