



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** ROUND PONDS FOR SOUTH FORK NOOKSACK SPRING CHINOOK RECOVERY PROGRAM

**Description of Proposal:**

This proposal consists of the installation of 10 round ponds that will be used to rear ESA listed South Fork Nooksack Spring Chinook. The fish are collected from the wild as juveniles and will be used as broodstock in an effort to restore the run. There will be two 16-foot diameter and eight 20-foot diameter ponds installed in an area measuring approximately 100 feet by 52 feet. This project requires a new 15-inch discharge line to be run from the round ponds to Kendall Creek.

**Proponent/Applicant:**

Kevin Clark  
1700 Silver Beach Road  
Bellingham, WA 98229

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** 6263 Mount Baker Highway, Deming WA 98244; Whatcom County; Section 3 Township 39 North, Range 5 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 law<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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 30, 2010**

You can submit your comments by email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto: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.<sup>1</sup>

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 16, 2010    **SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

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

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**Distribution of Environmental Document:**

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