



State of Washington

## **DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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### **DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** THOMPSON CREEK HABITAT RESTORATION

**Description of Proposal:** This project consists of a restoration of a streamside area that was once used as a staging and parking area but currently is blocked to vehicle traffic or use. This old parking area has a base of imported rock that supports little growth except for canary reed grass. This riparian area will be restored to valuable fish and wildlife habitat by removing this imported rock base and planting the area with native riparian plants and providing a high flow channel for Thompson Creek. This channel will be installed above Ordinary High Water and would provide overwintering habitat for salmonid species. The specific components of this project are:

1. Remove 850 cubic yards of imported fill from the riparian area and place that fill at an area next to the roadway above Ordinary High Water.
2. Construct a high flow channel and install three log stacks to provide a woody debris component to the channel.
3. Perform plantings of native grass and shrubs species over entire site.

#### **Proponent/Applicant:**

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Thompson Creek Road, Washington, Thurston County; Section 13, Township 15 North, Range 1 West WM

The Thompson Creek Restoration site is reached by driving south from Tenino on Highway 507 for 2.3 miles to the Skookumchuck Road. Turn east onto Skookumchuck Road and proceed 5.5 miles to Thompson Creek Road. Turn right at Thompson Creek Road and travel one mile to point where overhead power lines cross the road. The mitigation site is on the right next to the creek and under the power lines.

**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 **March 1, 2011**

**Method of Comment:**

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**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://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> 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:** February 15, 2011    **SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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