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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: #12-020 DUNGENESS CHINOOK ACCLIMATION TANKS

Description of Proposal: The purpose of the project is to expand sub-yearling Chinook acclimation in the upper anadromous reaches of the Dungeness River, by setting up two acclimation tanks by the 2880 Dungeness bridge. The footprint of the operations described below would be within an existing dispersed campsite on the eastside (opposite side of the Dungeness Forks Campground) of the 2880 bridge. There will be no excavation involved with the operations of the acclimation tanks.

All of the materials to be used at the site including tanks, pumps, piping and other equipment will be set up and torn down every season. The rearing tanks will measure 5 foot wide by 40 foot long and either be fiberglass or metal frames with a vinyl liner. The 2 pumps used to supply water (one primary and one backup) will be housed inside an insulated box to keep the noise down or have a muffler attached. Each pump will have an intake pipe with a screened end to draw water from the river. The outlet of the pump will be piped to the head end of each pond. The ponds will have a common drain to discharge effluent water and will also be used to release the fish. A travel trailer will be placed near the tanks to house staff. The approximate footprint of the site will be 20 feet by 100 feet.

Operation (April- June):

- The ponds will be used to acclimate and release one group of accelerated sub-yearling Dungeness, Spring Chinook. The Chinook will be transferred to the pond, from Hurd Creek Hatchery in April, to be released in June. While fish are in the tanks on site, a pump will constantly (24 hours/7 days) be running to circulate water. Pumps will be housed in an insulated box to reduce noise.
- During operation of the Pond, a hatchery worker will stay in a travel trailer at the site to care for the fish and respond to emergencies. A generator housed inside an insulated box will be used to power the travel trailer.
- A radio alarm system may be used to alert staff at the Dungeness Hatchery of low flow conditions in the ponds.
- Low profile netting over the pond will be employed to protect the fish from predators.

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Location of Proposal: Clallam County, Washington, Southeast ¼ Section 30, Township 29 North, Range 03 West, WM.

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

Environmental Document Being Withdrawn: Determination of Nonsignificance for [DUNGENESS CHINOOK ACCLIMATION TANKS issued [March 13, 2012]

WDFW attempted to adopt a NEPA Document – Decision Memo and Ecology informed us that only EA's and EIS done under NEPA may be adopted. Therefore we are withdrawing this MDNS and will re-issue the document with a SEPA Environmental Checklist as well as our Determination.

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