



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** HUPP SPRINGS HATCHERY POLLUTION ABATEMENT & REARING PONDS

**Description of Proposal:**

This project includes construction of a pollution abatement system at Hupp Springs Hatchery to treat the waste flow that is generated from cleaning fish rearing ponds. The current hatchery footprint includes 4 10' X 100' raceways and one (60' x 140') large gravel bottom release pond. The proposed project will maintain the existing four (4) raceways, but demolish and replace the large release pond. The large release pond will be replaced with two (2) 20' X 120' concrete bottom rearing ponds. These two ponds will be built within the existing footprint of large release pond. This project also includes the installation of bird predation poles and netting to protect cultured fish against predation. In addition the proposed project will construct a vacuum cleaning system including a covered pollution abatement pond. All new construction is scheduled to occur within the existing hatchery footprint. New drain lines for this project will be tied into the existing hatchery effluent drain lines.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
Larry Peck, 600 Capital Way N; Olympia, WA. 98501-1091. (360) 902-8376

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** 13827 124th KN NW, Gig Harbor, Washington, Pierce County; Section 20, Township 22 North, Range 01 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 **October 26, 2012**.

**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:** Bob Zeigler

**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 Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** October 11, 2012

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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