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Bob Zeigler, SEPA/NEPA Coordinator
WA State Department of Fish & Wildlife
Regulatory Services Section
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Dear Mr. Zeigler:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Eells Springs Hatchery Pollution Abatement Pond project located in Mason County as proposed by Cindy Knudsen, WA State Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW). The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

TOXICS CLEANUP: Joyce Mercuri (360) 407-6260

If contamination is suspected, discovered, or occurs during excavation, testing of the potentially contaminated soil or groundwater must be conducted. If contamination of soil or groundwater is readily apparent, or is revealed by testing, Ecology must be notified. Contact the Environmental Report Tracking System Coordinator at the Southwest Regional Office at (360) 407-6300. For assistance and information about subsequent cleanup and to identify the type of testing that will be required, contact Joyce Mercuri with Ecology's Toxic Cleanup program at the phone number given above.

WASTE 2 RESOURCES: Mike Drumright (360) 407-6397

Property owners, developers, and contractors are encouraged to recycle all possible leftover construction, demolition, and land clearing (CDL) materials and reduce waste generated. Recycling construction debris is often less expensive than landfill disposal. Please visit Ecology's 1 800 Recycle Hotline database at: <http://1800recycle.wa.gov> or call the 1-800-RECYCLE hotline to find facilities that will accept your CDL materials for reuse or recycling.

SEPA REVIEWER: Sonia Mendoza

WATER QUALITY CONTACT: Deborah Cornett (360) 407-7269

Any discharge of sediment-laden runoff or other pollutants to waters of the state is in violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control, and WAC 173-201A, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, and is subject to enforcement action.

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Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must be effective to prevent stormwater runoff from carrying soil and other pollutants into surface water or stormdrains that lead to waters of the state. Sand, silt, clay particles, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered to be pollutants.

Proper disposal of construction debris must be on land in such a manner that debris cannot enter water of the state (e.g., Hunter Creek) and stormdrains draining to waters of the state or cause water quality degradation of state waters.

Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office

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cc: Mike Drumright, W2R
Deborah Cornett, WQ
Joyce Mercuri, TCP
Cindy Knudsen, WDFW (Applicant)