



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: KENDALL CREEK POLLUTION ABATEMENT POND AND ADULT HOLDING POND

Description of Proposal:

The Kendall Creek Hatchery needs facility renovation involving the adult rearing pond and the pollution abatement pond. In addition, the A floodplain storage area (570 feet by 10 feet) is presently located along the north fork of the Nooksack River, approximately 900 feet from the project location to offset flood flows entering the hatchery during high water events. This floodplain storage area will be increased to offset the water storage effects from repairs to the adult holding pond, and the pollution abatement pond.

Adult Holding Pond

The existing asphalt adult holding pond (240 feet x 100 feet) has a concrete spawning structure at one end. This pond will be rebuilt in the same footprint within a smaller (138 feet x 47 feet) area. This project will add safe fish handling features that include construction of the pond by replacing asphalt raceways with concrete walls and installing a new spawning structure at the end of the raceway with improved lighting. The new adult holding pond will be covered with bird netting.

Pollution Abatement Pond

The old pollution abatement pond (27 feet x 37 feet) is ineffective for present hatchery operations. The new pollution abatement pond will be increased (40.6 wide x 105 feet long) to handle the current fish production schedule at the Kendall Creek Hatchery. The new pond will be constructed in the old pond footprint and covered with forest green fabric cover.

Floodplain Storage

The Kendall Creek Hatchery is typically inundated with flood waters during high flow events. A floodplain storage area (570 feet by 10 feet) is presently located along the north fork of the Nooksack River, approximately 900 feet from the project location. To maintain floodplain storage replacement area, the floodplain storage area will be increased to include effects from the adult holding pond and the pollution abatement pond. The new floodplain area (622 feet by 30 feet) will involve removal of 2000 cubic feet of soil (28,500 square feet).

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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 law¹ 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.² 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: **February 28, 2013.**

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
- 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

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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.¹

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: February 13, 2013

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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