



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: HUMPTULIPS HATCHERY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Description of Proposal:

The proposed project consists of two major elements:

1. Upgrade and modification of the existing Humptulips Hatchery Pollution Abatement facilities to treat fish waste and improve water quality in the hatchery's effluent. The current pollution abatement facilities consist of two gravel bottom ponds to settle out suspended solids associated with pond cleaning. Only one of the existing abatement ponds (pond1) will be modified and use continued for pollution abatement. The second pond (pond2) will be taken out of service and left unfilled and unused until future use is identified. The specific components of this element are: Construct an 89.5by 32.5 foot two celled concrete pond within the existing footprint of pond 1 with a maximum depth of 8 feet, each cell of the new pond will be equipped with an overflow and decant tank, Connect new pond drain into existing drain system, Install vinyl pond cover to reduce algae growth, Install new venturi vacuum system to vacuum clean fish waste Install sleeve within existing piping to deliver vacuumed fish waste to new treatment pond, Modify drain in pond 2 to allow unrestricted drainage after use is suspended.
2. The second major element is the replacement of a 1250 foot 12 inch steel pipeline with 12 inch HDPE pipe at the Humptulips Hatchery. The pipe supplies water collected at the Hatchery Creek Intake to the Humptulips Hatchery for fish rearing in the hatchery's raceway rearing and incubation ponds. The existing pipeline is at the end of its functional life due to corrosion and rusts that has resulted in water leaks. The new pipeline will be installed in the same footprint as the existing pipeline. The old steel pipe will be exposed and removed. Trenching will be completed with an excavator. The pipeline crosses under Kirkpatrick Road inside another oversized pipe. The old water supply pipe will be removed from this casting pipe and the new pipe installed, all from the end of the casting pipe without impacts to the road. The pipeline corridor (above ground) is clear of larger vegetation but some shrubs have grown back in portions of the pathway and will be removed while clearing the work corridor.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Humptulips Hatchery, 1704 Kirkpatrick Rd, Humptulips, Washington, 98665 Grays Harbor County; Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 11 West 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 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 **March 21, 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

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.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: March 6, 2013 **SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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