



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: WDFW Districts 1 and 2 (Stevens, Lincoln, Pend, Oreille and Spokane Counties) Lake Aerator Installations, Upgrades, and Maintenance

Description of Proposal:

This programmatic proposal includes repairing or replacing existing aeration systems, or installing new aeration systems, on lakes in WDFW's Districts 1 and 2. Aerators will be used, where warranted, in waters where mixing will relieve environmental stressors on existing fish populations, or will reduce the risk of seasonal fish kills. Maintenance may include replacing existing airlines or air-stones, repairing compressors, or protecting these components from humans or nature. Upgrading may include replacing existing aeration system components with newer components. Installation may include installing new systems in lakes that warrant an aeration system due to degraded open water fish habitat.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Location of Proposals:

Lake	County	1/4 section	Section	Township	Range
Big Meadow Lake	Pend Oreille	South 1/2 of Sec 6 and North 1/2 of Sec 7	6 and 7	37N	42E
Rocky Lake	Stevens	SE 1/4	27	35N	39E
Starvation Lake	Stevens	SE 1/4	36	35N	40E
Williams Lake	Stevens	NE 1/4	36	38N	38E
West Medical Lake	Spokane	SW 1/4	12	24N	40E
Z Lake	Lincoln	NE 1/4	5	24N	35E

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 **October 3, 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: September 18, 2013

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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