

SEPA FACT SHEET

Title: Hydraulics Code Rule Changes – Draft Programmatic EIS

Description: The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has prepared this Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) on the Hydraulic Code Rule Changes. This document was prepared in compliance with the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

The Hydraulic Code Rules, with the exception of those for mineral prospecting, were last updated in 1994 before Washington fish species were listed under the Endangered Species Act. The purposes of the proposed rule changes are to update the requirements to respond to statutory changes, meet current fish science and design technology, and improve procedural and administrative requirements. Specifically the rule changes will:

- Incorporate up-to-date fish science and technology;
- Simplify the permitting of certain types of projects;
- Improve procedural and administrative requirements to better align with statutory changes made since the rules were last revised; and
- Establish a structure for adaptive management in response to changing science and technology and/or the results of effectiveness monitoring.

Location: Statewide

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Permits and Licenses Required: No permits, licenses, or approvals are required for the proposed Hydraulic Code Rule Changes. Adoption of the rule changes is in compliance with Chapter 34.05 RCW (Administrative Procedure Act) Part III Rule-Making Procedures.

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Date Issued: The Draft PEIS is available for review and download beginning 1 October 2013 on WDFW's website at:

http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_comment_docs.html

Document Availability: The PEIS for the Hydraulic Code Rule Changes can be viewed online at: http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_comment_docs.html. The document may be obtained in hard copy or CD by written request to the SEPA Responsible Official listed above, or by calling (360) 902-2578. Supplies are limited. To ask about the availability of this document in a format for the visually impaired, call WDFW at 360-902-2578. Persons with hearing loss can call 711 or 1-800-833-6388 for Washington Relay Service, including TTY service. Persons with a speech disability can call 1-877-833-6341 to access a Communications Assistant with Washington's Speech-to-Speech service.

DEIS Comment Period: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to review and comment on this DEIS. We must receive your comments within 45 days of the date of issuing this DEIS.

This means we must receive your comments no later than 5:00 PM on 15 November 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/sepa_comment_docs.html
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Oral or written comments at the workshops and public meetings; or
- **Mail comments to SEPA Responsible Official:**

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When you send us your comments, please include the **name of the proposal** and **your name** in the subject line of your comment, following this example:

Re: Hydraulics Code Rule Changes Draft PEIS - Your Name

Meetings for Public Participation:

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Public meetings for discussion of the HPA rule changes and DEIS are being held at the following locations and dates:

| REGION | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Mill Creek, Wa. | 10/17/2013 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Mill Creek Regional Office 16018 Mill Creek Blvd Mill Creek WA 98012 |
| Olympia, Wa. | 10/23/2013 <i>Mineral Prospecting Focus</i> | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Natural Resources Building Capitol Campus NRB Room 172 |
| | 10/24/2013 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Natural Resources Building Capitol Campus NRB Room 172 |
| Spokane, Wa. | 10/28/2013 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Center Place 2426 N Discovery Place Spokane Valley WA 99216 |
| Ephrata, Wa. | 10/29/2013 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Grant County Public Works 124 Enterprise St SE Ephrata, WA 98823 |
| South Central Washington | 10/30/2013 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Moxee City Hall 255 W Seattle Ave Moxee WA 98936 |
| Vancouver, Wa. | 11/4/2013 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Water Resources Center 4600 S.E. Columbia Way Vancouver WA 98661 |

Date of Next Action and Date Final Action is Planned: WDFW anticipates releasing the Final Programmatic EIS on the Hydraulic Code Rules in mid-2014. The Fish and Wildlife Commission is anticipated to adopt the new rules in mid-2014 as well.

WDFW will be preparing a cost-benefit analysis and Small Business Economic Impact Statement on the project, both of which will be available on the WDFW HPA Rule Changes web site: <http://dfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/rulemaking/>

Background Data and Materials Referenced in the DEIS are Available at:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife,
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Background is also available on the from the WDFW HPA Rule Changes web site:
<http://dfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/rulemaking/>

HPA Aquatic Habitat Guidelines and “White Papers” are available at:
<http://dfw.wa.gov/conservation/habitat/planning/ahg/>

Distribution List: Notice of the availability of this DEIS is posted on the WDFW SEPA website: http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_comment_docs.html, sent to local planning departments (city and county); affected Tribes; all state and federal agencies with jurisdiction; selected environmental organizations, individuals who have already commented on draft rules or EIS scoping, and interested parties.