



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 14-038: SKOOKUMCHUCK HATCHERY CULVERT REPLACEMENT

**Description of Proposal:**

This project will replace a 36" culvert that is located under a paved driving surface on the Skookumchuck Hatchery grounds. The culvert connects a stream past the fish ladder to the Skookumchuck River. The culvert will be replaced with a 85' 8'-9" x 3' bottomless arch pipe. The channel at the outfall of the culvert will be roughened to create additional salmonids habitat. The channel within the bottomless arch pipe will be graded so that it is no longer perched above the channel and has a steady grade from top to bottom of 5.2%. A removable picket barrier will be placed below the new arch pipe to encourage fish to enter the fish ladder to the hatchery during spawning. Underground utilities will also be relocated as needed and as noted on sheet 6. About 2500 square feet of restoration planting will occur on each end of the new arch pipe and will be composed of a native shrub mix.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW Skookumchuck Hatchery, 10500 Skookumchuck Road SE, near Tenino, Thurston County, Washington: Township 15N, Range 1E, Section 18.

**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 law<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on June 17, 2014**.

**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](mailto: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:** Lisa Wood

**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.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** June 2, 2014

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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