



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 14-071: WHATCOM WILDLIFE AREA WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

**Description of Proposal:**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is planning to replace two failing water control structures at the Whatcom Wildlife Area. The project will maintain existing water control capabilities at Rainbow and Intalco Pond #2 allowing managers to impound and release for benefit of fish and wildlife.

The main project elements are:

- Replace two existing flow control structures, one at the outfall of Rainbow Pond and the other at the outfall of Intalco Pond #2, and;
- Install beaver control structures on each control structure.

Approximately 100 CY of excavation will be required to remove the two water control structures to be replaced. Once the new structures are installed, the excavated material will be used as backfill. Approximately 13 CY of gravel will be placed as bedding material for the new structures. The source of this material will be from an offsite commercial pit. The total area affected by the proposed work is less than 0.1 acres.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** end of Lake Terrell Road, Lake Terrell Unit of the Whatcom Wildlife Area, Whatcom County, Washington: Township 39N, Range 1E, Section 28.

**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 October 15, 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:** September 30, 2014

**SIGNATURE:**



## Footnotes

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

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