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Re: Beaver Creek Hatchery Intake Improvement Project (DNS 15-028)

Dear Richard Schwartz:

Thank you for commenting on the Determination of Nonsignificance for the proposed Beaver Creek Hatchery Intake Improvement project. The project includes extending the intake wing walls and replacement of screening to improve water flow to and through an existing water intake and fish ladder structure located on the Elochoman River that serves the Beaver Creek Hatchery.

As you've noted in letter of May 6, 2015 portions of the project are located on bedlands or shorelands managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will be contacting you directly as part of the Joint Aquatic Resource Permits Application (JARPA) process to fully involve DNR. The JARPA will be sent to Wahkiakum County, the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Ecology, WDFW and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the next few months to assure that permits are in place prior to the in-water work window next summer.

If there is another permitting process that WDFW should use when we seek authorization to use state-owned aquatic lands, please let me know.

Should any of you have further comments or questions, please contact me soon.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Lisa Wood, SEPA Coordinator, WDFW
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