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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 15-049: LEGROW INTAKE SCREEN AIR BURST PIPING

Description of Proposal:

A 6” diameter pipe and 4” diameter conduit will be installed from Legrow’s existing river pump station, located east of the existing railroad tracks and river shoreline, to their existing intake screens in the Columbia River. The 6” pipe will convey air from an on-shore air compressor and air receiver tank to the existing intake screens for use in cleaning the intake screens. The 4” conduit will carry low voltage power to solenoid valves associated with each existing intake screen so the screens can be cleaned individually. A steel casing will be bored from the river pump station site, beneath the railroad tracks, to the shoreline and river. The pipe and conduit will be placed on the river bottom from the shoreline to the existing intake screens and ballasted. Ballast will consist of intermittent precast concrete blocks and clean quarry spalls.

The existing intake screens were installed in early 2014. The JARPA submitted to install the intake screens planned to use passive intake screens. During the process of acquiring the Corps Section 404 permit NOAA Fisheries required the installation of an air burst system but recognized it would be installed in a subsequent work window. The Corps permit, issued in mid-December 2013, shortly before the work began, includes installation of the air burst piping and conduit. The Corps permit is good through March 18, 2017. This JARPA is being submitted to acquire an HPA to complete the work required by the Corps permit for installation of an air burst system. The addition of the air burst requirement to the Corps permit occurred following the original project HPA already being issued.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Left bank Columbia River at RM 316.3 near Wallula, Walla Walla County, Washington: Township 7N, Range 31E, Section 3.

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. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on September 29, 2015.**

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: 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.¹

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 15, 2015

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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