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ADDENDUM 16-059 TO DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE 13-064 DATED: AUGUST 19, 2013

Name of DNS: 13-064 CATHLAMET CHANNEL SALMON REARING NET PENS

Description of Original Proposal:

This project involves rearing 250,000 juvenile hatchery spring Chinook in net pens on an annual basis from October to February, in the Cathlamet Channel, an off-channel area of the Columbia River. These fish would be reared and released to provide fishing harvest opportunity as discussed below. At a certain size (or life stage) the juveniles would be released from the net pens and migrate to the ocean to feed and grow into adults. By rearing the juvenile spring Chinook in a specific off-channel area (a body of water/side channel that is connected to the main river channel) they will become acclimated to that area and it is expected that they will home in on that location when they return as adults. Because they have been acclimated to this location as juveniles the returning adults will generally remain in the net pen area and be available for harvest through WDFW-managed fisheries. WDFW's main purpose is to find an area to raise and release hatchery fish so that, upon their return, commercial fishing seasons can be set to collect those adult hatchery fish without negatively impacting other salmon runs.

This DNS covers Net Pens in Cathlamet Channel specific impacts and supplements DNS #12-084: WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION POLICY ON COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN SALMON MANAGEMENT that stated in part: *"Also increased net pen production will come from additional acclimation sites, possibly Cathlamet Channel."*

Description of Addendum 16-059:

A new site is being proposed to locate the Cathlamet Channel net pens on DNR Aquatic Lands just upstream and off the shoreline of Don Searls' private property at 87 E. Little Island Road, Cathlamet, WA 98612. The net pens will likely be placed between existing pilings and the more inland structure with the intention of anchoring to these existing structures in the Cathlamet Channel. A new location for the net pens this year became necessary this year when permitting could no longer be obtained for the Cathlamet City Docks, which is where the net pens have been located the past three years. All other aspects of the project will remain the same, only the location is being changed.

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Location of Project or Action: DNR Aquatic Lands just upstream and off the shoreline of 87 E. Little Island Road, Cathlamet, Wahkiakum County, Washington: Township 8 North, Range 6 West WM, Section 13.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

This addendum is being distributed pursuant to WACs 197-11-600 and 197-11-625. The updated information provided above does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental checklist. Based on the original DNS and the updated information provided in this addendum, we have determined that a new threshold determination is not warranted. There is no comment period associated with this SEPA addendum.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

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SIGNATURE:

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