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**ADDENDUM 19-031 TO FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENTS**

**Dated: August 1992 and January 2002**

**Name of FSEIS:**

1. Lake and Stream Rehabilitations Final Supplemental Impact Statement (FSEIS), 1992-1993 and
2. Lake and Stream Rehabilitation: Rotenone Use and Health Risks FSEIS, 2002

**Description of Proposal:**

The original FSEISs were reviewed as a statewide proposal and they apply to statewide coverage. Implementation of the FSEISs includes the following waters for the **2019** season.

This proposal includes the rehabilitation of five (5) lakes in eastern Washington managed for trout only (Beda Lake, East Sage Lake, West Sage Lake, Katy Lake, and Burke Lake; all are in Grant County). The rehabilitation treatment will be the use of rotenone to improve fishing for trout via the elimination of undesirable and/or illegally stocked fish which compete with or prey upon stocked trout fingerlings. It will also restore the economic strategy of stocking fingerling trout instead of the much more expensive and larger “catchables” which are used to temporarily “prop up” “under-performing” trout fisheries when stocking fingerlings becomes ineffective. Post-treatment, these lakes will be stocked with “catchable-size” Rainbow Trout *Oncorhynchus mykiss* in March-April of 2020 to create a fishery for Opening Day of 2020. They will also be stocked with Rainbow Trout fingerlings in spring 2020 (Burke and Beda lakes) and fall 2020 (Katy, East and West Sage lakes) in order to create a more economically and biologically sustainable trout-only fishery. All the stocking events after that will be with fingerling-size trout.

The competing/predatory species targeted for removal in these lake this year is Goldfish *Carassius auratus* (Katy, East and West Sage lakes), Yellow Perch *Perca flavescens* (Burke Lake), Pumpkinseed Sunfish *Lepomis gibbosus* (Beda Lake) and Largemouth Bass *Micropterus salmoides* (Katy Lake). The presence of those species is likely a result of illegal stocking.

Our program proposal this year also includes the treatment of a four mile section of Flume Creek and a 1.2 mile section of Highline Creek, both in Pend Oreille County, with the use of Rotenone. Both projects are designed to remove nonnative Eastern Brook Trout *Salvelinus fontinalis* in order to restore populations of native Westslope Cutthroat Trout *Oncorhynchus clarki lewisi*. This would be the first year for the Flume Creek project and the third consecutive year for the Highline Creek project. The current plan for Highline Creek calls for the restocking of native Westslope Cutthroat Trout in the fall of 2020. Before that happens, ground truthing surveys in June 2019, using eDNA, will determine the presence or absence of Eastern Brook Trout in the creek. If no Eastern Brook Trout are found, no rotenone treatment will take place this year and Cutthroat Trout will be stocked in the fall. If Eastern Brook Trout eDNA are found, a rotenone treatment will take place this year and the restocking of native Cutthroat Trout will take place in 2020. We are planning for the Flume Creek project to also take three years of treatment to complete. The restocking of Cutthroat Trout into that creek is planned to occur in the fall of 2022, pending complete removal of Eastern Brook Trout.

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**Location of Current Proposals:** Implementation of the FSEIS includes the following waters for the **2019** season:

**Grant County**

**Beda Lake** – Sections 11, 12, 13, and 24, Township 24 North, Range 40 East, WM.

**East Sage Lake** – Section 29, Township 17 North, Range 29 East, WM.

**West Sage Lake** – Section 29, Township 17 North, Range 29 East, WM.

**Katy Lake** – Section 20, Township 17 North, Range 29 East, WM.

**Burke Lake** – Sections 14, 15, and 23, Township 19 North, Range 23 East, WM

**Pend Oreille County**

**Highline Creek** – Sections 29 and 30, Township 39 North, Range 44 East, WM.

**Flume Creek** – Sections 4, 5, and 9, Township 39 North, Range 43 East, WM.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

The updated information provided above does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing FSEISs (dated August 1992 and January 2002). Based on the FSEISs and the updated information provided in this addendum, the lead agency has determined that a new threshold determination is not warranted.

**The FSEISs are available on WDFW Web page:**

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>

**The documents are available to be read at:**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife-Natural Resources Building,  
1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA.

Monday-Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

We issued this Addendum according to state rules<sup>1</sup>. We will **not act on this proposal for 21 days** from the date of issue below. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal. We must receive your comments within 21 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **5:00 pm on June 4, 2019**.

**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:  
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Lisa Wood

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/closed-final>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal.

If you have questions about this addendum 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:** May 14, 2019

**SIGNATURE:**



<sup>1</sup>WACs 197-11-600 and 197-11-625

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