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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 19-054: MINTER CREEK HATCHERY INTAKE
REPLACEMENT

Description of Proposal:

The screens and fish ladders at the intakes do not meet state and federal standards and need to be brought up to current standards. WDFW will take this opportunity to eliminate one surface water intake, and take all surface water from the upper intake so that it will be gravity fed. The current upper intake takes water in at two locations. The new intake will eliminate the second location.

A new sediment settling pond will be constructed to significantly reduce sediment passed into the hatchery and the wear it has on hatchery pumps and pipes. The current sand trap will be removed.

There is active erosion of the access road, and WDFW proposes to add wood to deflect flow and hold the wood down with rock above. Oversteepened slopes will be stabilized.

The old concrete fish counting structure will be partially removed. Removal will include the pair of concrete supports in contact with normal flows. Removal will include the concrete base between supports, and restoring the stream bed.

The lower intake will be removed and streambank will be restored, and functional large wood will be added to improve aquatic habitat quality. New sheetpile will be added immediately adjacent to the existing sheetpile to protect the hatchery.

New piping (two side by side pipes) to the upper intake will be installed, along with a buried electrical conduit. The second pipe will be used in summer months as needed to maintain minimum flows in Minter Creek between the intake and hatchery, by pumping water back up to the intake site.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Minter Creek Hatchery, 12710 124th Ave CT KPN, Gig Harbor, Pierce County, Washington: Township 22N, Range 1E, Section 29.

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 notice. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on October 1, 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
- 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

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Habitat Program, Protection Division

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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. 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 17, 2019

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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