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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 19-055: TRANSLOCATION OF WESTSLOPE CUTTHROAT TROUT INTO SMALLE CREEK

Description of Proposal:

Smalle Creek (tributary to Calispell Creek) was stocked with non-native Brook Trout as early as 1916, which established naturalized populations. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, in partnership with the Kalispel Tribe and the Pend Oreille Public Utility District #1, conducted rotenone treatments in 2015-2017 to eradicate non-native fish from upper Smalle Creek. This proposal would translocate native Westslope Cutthroat Trout to Smalle Creek to establish a self-sustaining, reproducing population in the watershed above Smalle Creek Falls.

Approximately 500 Westslope Cutthroat Trout will be collected from geographically proximate populations and translocated to Smalle Creek in summer/fall 2019. Fish will be planted throughout the watershed above Smalle Creek Falls to establish a self-sustaining population. Although the initial translocation may be sufficient to fulfill this objective, additional translocations may be necessary to augment numbers or genetics of the population based on continued monitoring.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Smalle Creek is a tributary to Calispell Creek, located approximately 6 miles west of Cusick, Pend Oreille County, Washington: Multiple sections within Township 33N and Ranges 42E and 43E.

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 11, 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 27, 2019

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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