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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 19-063: WALLACE RIVER HATCHERY UPGRADES

**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 state and federal standards. This includes replacing the Wallace weir and modifying the May Creek weir.

A new sediment settling pond will be constructed to reduce sediment passed into the hatchery and the wear it has on hatchery pumps and pipes. The lower channel spanning weir on May Creek will be removed to improve fish passage, while adult ponds will be added and connected with a new fish ladder. Weir removal will include restoring the stream bed and installing a roughened channel to control bed elevations and avoid a headcut.

New raceways will replace the existing ponds on the Wallace side of the hatchery. The two residences and garages on the Wallace side will be replaced. A new pollution abatement pond will be constructed. Many new pipes and electrical conduit will be placed and buried.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW Wallace River Hatchery, 14418 383rd Ave SE, Sultan, Snohomish County, Washington: Township 28N, Range 8E, Section 36.

**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 law<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> **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 December 27, 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

**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.<sup>1</sup>

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:** December 13, 2019

**SIGNATURE:**



## Footnotes

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

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