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Re: FSEIS for Lake and Stream Rehabilitation - Rotenone Use and Health Risks, File: 20-027

Dear Lisa Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the rehabilitation of 4 lakes in Stevens County using rotenone to improve trout fishing and eliminate undesirable and illegally stocked fish that prey on stocked trout and fingerlings. The project includes to use rotenone in one creek within Pend Oreille Coin in the same manner to remove Eastern brook trout and restocking with Westslope cutthroat trout in six discrete locations (Proponent: WA Department of Fish and Wildlife). After reviewing the documents, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) submits the following comments:

Water Resources Program-Herman Spangle (509) 329-3488

Any surface water diversions will require application to the Department of Ecology for a water right permit.

For more information, please contact Herm Spangle at (509) 329-3488 or via email at herm.spangle@ecy.wa.gov.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Ecology bases comments upon information submitted for review. As such, comments made do not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations you may need to obtain, nor legal requirements you may need to fulfill in order to carry out the proposed action. Applicants should remain in touch with their Local Responsible Officials or Planners for additional guidance.

To receive more guidance on or to respond to the comments made by Ecology, please contact the appropriate staff listed above at the phone number or email provided.

Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office
(Ecology File: 202002686)

cc: Kenneth Behen, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife