After evaluation of the proposal, Tulalip Tribes finds that the alleged pond is a proposed to receive rainwater and potentially, surface water to a pond at a current drainage area. Moreover, Tulalip Tribal Fish Hatchery recommends that the proposed pond would have a detrimental effect on Tulalip Tribal Treaty Rights, as the State of Washington has a legal obligation to uphold Tribal Treaty Rights and ensure the recovery of anadromous species (coho, chum, steelhead, sea-run cutthroat). We suggest that the State not issue the stocking permit and urge the applicant to take active steps to restore the pond to an unimpeded state. Tulalip Tribal Fish Hatchery recommends that the pond be restored to an unimpeded state to ensure the recovery of anadromous species.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to seeing restoration of this site.

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The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has prepared a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act regulation. This DNS is being circulated for review by all agencies with jurisdiction. The DNS (including method of comment options) and supporting documents may be viewed at https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwdfw.wa.gov%2Flicenses%2Fenvironmental%2Fsepa%2Fopen-comments&data=04%7C01%7CSEPAdesk2%40dfw.wa.gov%7C8f8105155867480992c808d9513b5d42%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7CMTAiJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=3072naz1MwJk3zl60rTk69yzrQ7AIFl%2FHikN0KeK14g%3D&reserved=0.

We appreciate your review of the proposal and return of comments no later than 5:00 pm on August 10, 2021. This proposal will not be considered complete until the comments received through these procedures are posted to the official SEPA record for this proposal.

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