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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 22-014: NACHES HATCHERY REARING POND

**Description of Proposal:**

WDFW proposes a project to construct a new rearing pond at the Naches Fish Hatchery. The primary purpose of this project is to provide additional rearing capacity for fish at the hatchery:

- Mark the excavation and clearing limits
- Excavate to depth and dimensions for the new rearing pond
- Excavate and install the pipelines needed for the new rearing pond
- Pour concrete for the new rearing pond
- Install hand rails and bird netting around the perimeter of the rearing pond

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW Naches Fish Hatchery, 3410 S Naches Rd, Yakima County, Naches, Washington: Township 14N, Range 17E, 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 letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on April 4, 2022**.

**Method of Comment:**

SEPA documents related to this proposal can be reviewed at the WDFW SEPA website at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>.

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 through one of the following ways:

- Online at the Public Input comment portal for this proposal:  
<https://publicinput.com/NachesRearingPond>
- Email to: [NachesRearingPond@PublicInput.com](mailto:NachesRearingPond@PublicInput.com)

**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, or have difficulty with the Public Input comment portal, contact Lisa Wood at: [SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov).

**DATE OF ISSUE:** March 21, 2022

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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