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March 31, 2022

Lisa Wood  
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Re: SEPA Register 202201241, 22-014

Dear Lisa Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Determination of Non Significance for the Naches Hatchery Rearing Pond. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

### **WATER QUALITY**

The Naches Fish Hatchery currently has National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit coverage under the Upland Finfish Hatching and Rearing General Permit. Please access the general permit at the following website:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Upland-finfish-permit>

In the general permit, please review Section S6. D. Fish Production Changes, 1. Increases; and Section S11.A Notice of Planned Changes, 1. The permittee must give notice to Ecology of planned changes, and 2. Submit an Engineering Checklist of planned changes.

Based upon your review of the general permit requirements and a determination of a need to contact:

Please contact **Marcia Porter**, Finfish Coverage Manager for the Ecology Central Regional Office at [marcia.porter@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:marcia.porter@ecy.wa.gov) or call (cell preferred) (509) 406-6624.

### Project with Potential to Discharge Off-Site

If your project anticipates disturbing ground with the potential for stormwater discharge off-site, the NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit is recommended. This permit requires that the SEPA checklist fully disclose anticipated activities including building, road construction and utility placements. Obtaining a permit may take 38-60 days.

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The permit requires that a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Erosion Sediment Control Plan) shall be prepared and implemented for all permitted construction sites. These control measures must be able to prevent soil from being carried into surface water and storm drains by stormwater runoff. Permit coverage and erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction.

In the event that an unpermitted Stormwater discharge does occur off-site, it is a violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control and is subject to enforcement action.

Note: If the project involves more than one acre of soil disturbance, but less than five acres of soil disturbance, it may be possible to obtain an Erosivity Waiver.

More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>. Please submit an application or contact **Lloyd Stevens, Jr.** at the Dept. of Ecology, (509) 574-3991 or email [lloyd.stevensjr@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:lloyd.stevensjr@ecy.wa.gov) , with questions about this permit.

Sincerely,



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