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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 22-031: LISTING CHANGES FOR CASCADE RED FOX AND AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN IN WASHINGTON STATE

Description of Proposal:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) proposes to change the listing status of two species in Washington State:

- List Cascade Red Fox as State Threatened.
- Downlist American White Pelican from State Threatened to State Sensitive.

Changes to the listings for the two species are supported by a Status Report for the Cascade Red Fox and a Periodic Status Review for the American White Pelican. The environmental impacts are analyzed in two separate Environmental Checklists.

Under WAC 197-11-060(3)(b) and (c), WDFW is issuing one Determination of Non-Significance for the changes to the listings for the two species because there is one proposed action: changing WAC 220-200-100 to add the proposed new listing status for both species. This proposal is considered to be a single course of action. WDFW is also incorporating both reports by reference.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any:

Counties affected by the proposed listing of Cascade Red Fox as State Threatened include: Okanogan, Whatcom, Skagit, Chelan, King, Kittitas, Pierce, Yakima, Lewis, Skamania, and Klickitat.

Counties affected by the proposed downlisting of American White Pelican from State Threatened to State Sensitive include: Skagit, Walla Walla, Franklin, Benton, Yakima, Klickitat, Skamania, Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, and Pacific.

The following documents are incorporated by reference: These documents provide species-specific information on the proposals.

Lewis, J.C., J.R. Akins, and T. Chestnut. February 2022. DRAFT Status report for the Cascade Red Fox in Washington. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, Washington.

Stinson, D.W. February 2022. Draft periodic status review for the American White Pelican in Washington. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, Washington.

The Documents are Available to be Read at:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Natural Resources Building,
1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

These documents are also available for review online at:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>

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 law¹ 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.² Agencies, tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 40 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **11:59 pm on June 27, 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/RedFoxWhitePelican>
- Email to: RedFoxWhitePelican@PublicInput.com

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

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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.¹

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.

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SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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