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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 22-043: KENDALL CREEK HATCHERY CHINOOK REARING FACILITY

**Description of Proposal:**

This project proposes to install a new Partial Recirculating Aquaculture System (PRAS) with 9 round ponds (20 ft. in diameter), an aeration tower, UV filter, and drum filter. The supply will come from existing aeration towers and discharge to the existing Pollution Abatement (PA) pond, and existing asphalt pond discharge. The project is also tying wells 1 and 2 into the supply line from well 3 to aeration tower 2 to increase oxygen in water from wells 1 and 2 and expand the possible uses for this water. An equipment building (86 ft. long by 42 ft. wide) will be constructed to house the new drum filter and recirculation pump vault. All of these new structures will be constructed within the footprint of an existing adult pond at the hatchery that is currently not in use.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW Kendall Creek Hatchery, 710 Hatchery Rd, Deming, Whatcom County, Washington: Township 39N, Range 5E, Section 3.

**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 October 10, 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/KendallCreekHatchery>
- Email to: [KendallCreekHatchery@PublicInput.com](mailto:KendallCreekHatchery@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:** September 26, 2022

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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