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SEPA Responsible Official/HPA Appeals Coordinator
Habitat Program, Protection Division
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
PO Box 43200
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Beaver Lake Inlet Maintenance
File: 23-003

Dear Lisa Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Determination of Nonsignificance regarding the Beaver Lake Inlet Maintenance Project (Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife). After reviewing the documents, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) submits the following comments:

Water Resources Program – Dam Safety Office

Under RCW 90.03.350, a Dam Safety construction permit is required for those dams or ponds which can impound a volume of 10 acre-feet or more of water or other liquids, above ground level. The Watson Lake Dam/Beaver Lake Inlet project references the repair and/or modification of the existing dam. You may be required to submit a construction permit for this project. To determine if a Dam Safety construction permit is required, the applicant must submit a set of construction plans to:

WA Department of Ecology
Dam Safety Office
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

For more information, please contact Charlotte Lattimore at (360) 407-6066 or via email at Charlotte.Lattimore@ecy.wa.gov.

Water Resources Program

The proponent is responsible for ensuring that the proposed use(s) are within the limitations of its water rights. If the proposal's actions are different than the existing water right (source, purpose, the place of use, or period of use), then it is subject to approval from the Department of Ecology pursuant to Sections 90.03.380 RCW and 90.44.100 RCW.

For more information or technical assistance, please Herm Spangle at (509) 209-3421 or via email at Herm.Spangle@ecy.wa.gov.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Ecology bases comments upon information submitted for review. As such, comments made do not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations you may need to obtain, nor legal requirements you may need to fulfill in order to carry out the proposed action. Applicants should remain in touch with their Local Responsible Officials or Planners for additional guidance.

For information on the SEPA Process, please contact Cindy Anderson at (509) 655-1541 or via email at Cindy.Anderson@ecy.wa.gov.

For more guidance on, or to respond to the comments made by Ecology, please contact the appropriate staff listed above at the phone number or email provided.

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