Klickitat Hatchery Property Transfer – SEPA Update

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History of Joint Management

- •1994 YKFP MOU between YN/WDFW
- •2003 Transition Plan MOU



- •2005/2006 Lease and Joint Operation MOA
- 2022 Request from YN to complete transfer

Note:

- NMFS transferred Mitchell Act funding to YN
- Production is determined through US v. Oregon management agreement



Process

- March 17 Commission briefing
- SEPA Checklist and Threshold Determination
 Public comment period
- Present results of SEPA review to Commission and additional public comment (June 2023)
- Commission decision (August 2023)
- If approved, Director and Attorney General certify to Governor



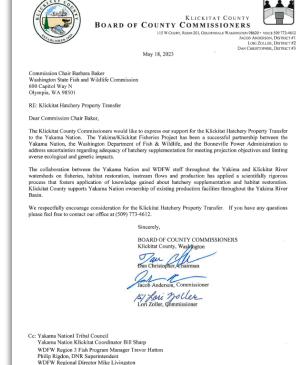
SEPA Review and Comments

- SEPA initiated 5/12, comment period ended 5/26
- No comments received
- Final DNS issued 5/31



SEPA Review and Comments

- Briefing to Klickitat County Board of Commissioners on 5/16
- Letter of support sent to WDFW Commission on 5/18





Next Steps

At August meeting, asking Commission approval to:

- Find that the transfer of the property and hatchery facilities is consistent with public interest under <u>RCW</u> <u>77.12.220</u>;
- Find that title to the property is surplus to WDFW under <u>RCW 39.33.010</u>;
- Authorize the Director to transfer or convey the property and hatchery facilities to the Yakama Nation under <u>RCW</u> <u>77.12.220</u> or <u>RCW 39.33.010</u>.



Public Comment





Questions?



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