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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 23-025: REITER PONDS HATCHERY REARING POND MODIFICATIONS

Description of Proposal:

This project proposes to increase the production capacity of federally protected steelhead at the hatchery by constructing new infrastructure that will support this goal. Construction includes:

- four (4) new 20-ft round ponds with center sump pumps and dome covers,
- two (2) new 5.5 ft x 45 ft raceways,
- 12 ft by 20 ft spawning/storage shed,
- New electrical power connections,
- 6-ft predation fencing with room for marking trailer and plant truck
- Drains into existing earthen ponds
- 448 linear feet of water supply and drain pipes buried up to 9 feet deep,
- Core drilling and connection to the existing hatchery infrastructure.

The majority of the work will take place outside of the water and more than 200 feet upland of the Skykomish River's ordinary high water mark (OHWM) with the exception of the core drilling. However, the pipeline connecting the new round ponds to the existing hatchery infrastructure will run through the Skykomish River's 100-year floodplain.

Core drilling into the existing concrete raceway to provide a connection for water drainage will take place approximately 143 ft from the OHWM, just inside the 150 ft shoreline jurisdiction. Trenching for the new water pipes will be excavated up to 9 ft deep and 30 feet wide at the surface to accommodate slopes and placement. Trenches will be backfilled, compacted, and seeded to prevent erosion. Placement of the new raceways and round ponds will result in 2,266 sq ft increase in impervious surface.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Reiter Ponds Hatchery, 45300 Reiter Rd, Sultan, Snohomish County, Washington: Township 27N, Range 9E, Section 11.

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 **We will not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, 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 June 26, 2023**.

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/ReiterPondsMods>
- Email to: ReiterPondsMods@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.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.

DATE OF ISSUE: June 12, 2023

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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