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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 23-043: HINTZ GRASS CARP

Description of Proposal: Plant triploid (sterile) grass carp into three private ponds to control aquatic vegetation. Future restocking may be necessary due to fish loss.

Proponent/Applicant: Gilbert Hintz

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Three private ponds located approximately 1 mile northeast of the town of Soap Lake near Rd A NE and between Rd 23 and Rd 25 NE, Grant County, Washington:

- Township 23N, Range 27E, Section 29.
- Township 22N, Range 27E, Section 6.

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, 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 27, 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/HintzGrassCarp
- Email to: <u>HintzGrassCarp@PublicInput.com</u>

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 When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.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: <u>SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov</u>.

DATE OF ISSUE: October 13, 2023 SIGNATURE: How

Footnotes

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

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