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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 25-004: DAVIS LAKE DRAINAGE DITCH CLEANING

Description of Proposal:

WDFW proposes to clean and maintain approximately 3 miles of agricultural drainage ditch to include Unnamed Channel, L. Allen Channel and Minnie Creek, located on the Davis Lake Unit of the Cowlitz Wildlife Area. Cleaning/maintenance of the 3 miles of drainage ditch and the cleaning/maintenance of 6 culverts is planned to be performed annually using an excavator from July 1st to September 30th or when ditches are dry. Drainage ditches will be restored to historical depths by removing vegetation debris and accumulated soil/silt deposits. Material removed from the ditches during cleaning/maintenance will be side cast and graded to match the contour of the adjacent ground. Blocked and/or failing culverts will be repaired and/or replaced. Material removed during culvert excavation will be stored on site to be reused for culvert reinstallation. All work will be conducted in the dry. Due to the malfunction/blockage of several culverts the ditches may need to be dewatered to ensure work is performed in the dry.

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Location of Proposal: South of Davis Lake Road, on the Davis Lake Unit of the WDFW Cowlitz Wildlife Area, east of Morton, Lewis County, Washington: Township 12N, Range 5E, Section 7.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c).

WDFW issued this Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under WAC 197-11-340. Agencies, tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this determination. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this document. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on February 20, 2025.**

Method of Comment:

SEPA documents related to this proposal can be reviewed at the WDFW SEPA website at: [SEPA documents available for public comment | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#).

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA determinations. 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: [Davis Lake Ditches](#)
- Email to: DavisLakeDitches@PublicInput.com

After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this determination on the WDFW SEPA website: [Final SEPA documents | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#). After the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA Responsible Official and SEPA/NEPA Coordinator
WDFW Director's Office

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If you have questions about this determination or the details of the proposal, or need assistance with the Public Input comment portal, contact Lisa Wood at: SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

DATE OF ISSUE: February 6, 2025

SIGNATURE:



SEPA Log Number: 25-004.dns

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