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ADDENDUM TO DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE DATE OF ISSUE: February 9, 2006-FINAL DNS: February 24, 2006

Name of DNS: Touchet River Screen Consolidation and Fishway Project

Description of Proposal: The proposed action includes equipment mobilization to the project area, construction of a temporary river access ramp, excavation of the temporary diversion channel and diversion of the Touchet River, fish removal and relocation, Demolition of the existing concrete intake structure, installation of temporary dam support structures, construction of the Pool and Chute Fishway, Intake, and fish screens, removal of the temporary diversion structure and restoration of the original stream channel, removal of the stream access ramp and restoration, installation of the pipeline, and rehabilitation of the entire site, including revegetation. Project construction would begin in July of 2006,7with in stream work starting from July 15th and the in stream components of the project completed by September 30th, 20067

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Touchet River, Dayton, Washington, Walla Walla County; Section 29 and 30, Township 10 North, Range 39 EastWM

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

WDFW is providing updated information on this project that may be of interest to other agencies or the public. The updated information provided below does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental checklist.

The original environmental checklist dated February 6, 2006, should be modified to reflect the following corrections/modifications:

Page 1, Question 6 Proposed Timing or schedule. Project construction would start July 15, 2006, during established in stream work window. All in stream construction would be completed by September 30, 2006.

Modify to: Project construction would start July 15, 2007, during established in stream work window. All in stream construction would be completed by **September 30, 2007.**

Page 9, Question 13 (c) Historic and Cultural Preservation. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any. "The project will occur within the footprint of the existing intake structure".

Modify to: The project will be constructed over the existing footprint of the current intake structure. The fishway and new intake will however be larger than the current intake structure.

The entire project site has been disturbed during construction of the current dam and intake. The area has large basalt fill within the site that has bedload cobbles and gravel washed over it. The new structure will be built within the original construction area that is made up of gravel and cobble channel deposits. Stream deposits such as gravel and cobble deposits are not conducive to cultural site preservation, and therefore it is unlikely that the project will encounter culturally or historically significant materials.

Based on the original environmental checklist and the updated information provided in this addendum, we have determined that a new threshold determination is not warranted. There is no comment period associated with this SEPA environmental checklist addendum.

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