



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: BEAR CREEK BEAVER DAM REMOVAL

Description of Proposal: This SEPA will cover the removal of up to three beaver dams to restore flow to lower Bear Creek, a tributary of the Sammamish River in King County. The purpose of removing these dams is to continue the monitoring of outmigrating juvenile salmonids in Bear Creek. Bear Creek has been a trap site and a data set for the Lake Washington basin since 1998 and is used to estimate survival (both egg to migrant as well as from Bear Creek to the Ballard Locks), migration timing, and production of all species of salmonids in the creek. Removal will occur in a number of phases

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Bear Creek, tributary of Sammamish River. The tax parcel number is 7202410180. Dams are located on the creek between West Lake Way and the NE 76th Street on-ramp to westbound 520, Washington, King County; Section 12, Township 25 North, Range 05 EastWM

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

WDFW has determined that this proposal likely will 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. If you want to review this information, please contact WDFW at the address below.

Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal.

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. If you have comments about this DNS or the proposal, you must send your comments to us so that we receive them within 14 days. This means we must receive your comments by **April 11, 2008**.

When you send us your comments, please provide the name of proposal in your comment letter, and mail the letter to:

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

Address: 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501

You can also send your comments via email to SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov, or via fax to (360) 902-2946.

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

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SIGNATURE: 

Footnotes

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

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Distribution of Environmental Document:

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