



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: GRAYS RIVER INTAKE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Description of Proposal: The proposed project consists of repair from damage incurred during the November 2006 flood events. This damage occurred to intake screens, and water regulating valves. Gravel was also deposited at the entrance of the intake screens impairing screen function. To correct these issues the following specific steps will be taken:

All valves will be inspected and damaged valves will be repaired. The intake chambers will have all sediment flushed into an overflow area and not into the stream. Intake openings will be temporarily blocked to dry up the inside chambers and allow access to faulty valves. Water may be temporarily pumped into the hatchery intake pipe from the river and the intake will be screened to prevent fish from entering the pump system.

Intake screens will be replaced with new metal screens.

Approximately 50 cubic yards of gravel will be removed from the intake screen entrance with an excavator. This gravel is located within and adjacent to a submerged concrete channel directly below the intake screens. The excavator will need to ford the West Fork of the Grays River to access the intake structure and remove the gravel. The excavator tracks will be out of the water during gravel removal operations with only the bucket entering the water.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: This site is accessed by turning off of US Highway 4, approximately 2 miles east of Grays River, onto Shannon Road. The Grays River Hatchery is located at the end of Shannon Road, about 3 miles from Highway 4. The project site is in Pacific County, Section 33, Township 11 North, Range 7 West, Southwest ¼. The parcel number is 11073332001.WestWM

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 **June 06, 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

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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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