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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: MINERAL PROSPECTING RULES

Description of Proposal: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is adopting rules that apply to mineral prospecting activities that use, divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow or bed of any of the salt or fresh waters of the state. The existing rules contained in WAC 220-110-200 through 220-110-209 were adopted in 1998 and implemented in 1999. In 2006 the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission directed WDFW to revise these rules. The proposed rules reflect the latest available information on the impacts of mineral prospecting activities and methods to mitigate those impacts. Following rule adoption, a new G&F pamphlet describing the rules and containing other information related to mineral prospecting will be published. The G&F pamphlet will serve as the HPA for those activities described in it. The proposed rules and the G&F pamphlet will apply to all waters of Washington.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The proposed rules and the G&F pamphlet will apply to all waters of Washington. The rules bar mineral prospecting in lakes, saltwater and waters within state park, national park, or wilderness boundaries, except if individual site specific HPA is granted by WDFW, Statewide, Washington.

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

Environmental Document Being Withdrawn: Determination of Nonsignificance **Mineral Prospecting Rules** issued January 7, 2008.

WDFW is considering making substantial changes to this proposal based upon an evaluation of new information that was brought to our attention during the comment period. A new threshold determination will be made upon completion of the proposal revision.

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