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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST
(WAC 197-11-960)

A. BACKGROUND

1. **Name of proposed project, if applicable:** *Soleduck River Hatchery Intake Repair*

2. **Name of Applicant:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

3. **Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:**

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4. **Date checklist prepared:** July 14, 2008

5. **Agency requesting checklist:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

6. **Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**

   July and August 2008.

7. **Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.**

   No.

8. **List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal:** No information has been prepared.

9. **Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.**

   None are pending.

10. **List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**

    Clallam County Shoreline Exemption Permit, Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife HPA and CORPS Section 404.

11. **Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of**

the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page.

The proposed project consists of repair of damage incurred during the November 2006 and December 2007 flood events. The specific tasks proposed are:

1. Repair eroded areas on the upstream side of the barrier dam that is part of the intake structure. Erosion will be repaired by placing quarry spalls and fabric into scoured areas along the base of the barrier dam. Approximately 100 cubic yards of rock will be used for this repair. Crossings with an excavator will be necessary during low flow periods to transport and place rock material.

2. Repair boat chute to allow safe passage for boats over the barrier dam. Many of the planks have been damaged or torn loose by high water events and 25 planks need to be replaced.

3. Remove sediment deposited during flood events on the emergency access boat ramp located 10 yards upstream of the hatchery intake. Approximately 10 CY of sediment is currently blocking ramp usage will be removed. This sediment is above the water line during summer flows and removal will not cause sedimentation or require in-water work.

Repair eroded area underneath pump house by filling voids with crushed rock and quarry spalls. Approximately 5 cubic yards of rock will be used.

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12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

This site is accessed by turning off of US Highway 101, approximately 1 mile west of Sappho, onto Pavel Road. The Soleduck Hatchery is located about 1.4 miles at the end of this road. The address is 1423 Pavel Road, Beaver WA. 98305. This site is located in Clallam County, Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 13 West.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site (underline one): flat, rolling, <u>hilly</u>, steep slopes, mountainous, other_____.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

30% slope located on the north side of river.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of the agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

Soils in the vicinity are classified as Queets silt loam.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so,

describe. No.

e. **Describe the purpose, type and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**

Reinforcing the base of the intake barrier dam will be done to prevent water flow underneath. 100 cubic yards of rock will be used.

f. **Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction or use? If so generally describe.**

No.

g. **About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**

There will be no increase in impervious surfaces.

h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:**

No erosion impacts resulting from the barrier dam repair are anticipated. Sediment removal from the boat launch will be performed out of water and will be isolated from the stream by sandbags to prevent erosion.

2. **Air**

a **What type of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

Low levels of vehicle exhaust emissions and dust from construction activities are expected during project activities. No long-term effects in air quality are anticipated to result from the completed project.

b. **Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.** No.

c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:** None.

3. **WATER**

a. **Surface**

1) **Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes ponds or wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

The Soleduck River is located at this site. The Soleduck River is a tributary of the Quillayute River.

2) **Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

Yes, all components of this project will occur within 200 feet of the river (see attached plans).

3) **Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate**

the source of fill material.

100 cubic yards of quarry spalls will be placed at the base of the barrier dam. This material will be acquired from an approved local quarry.

4) **Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No.

5) **Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.** Yes.

6) **Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste material to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.** No.

b. Ground

1) **Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description purpose, and approximate quantities, if known.** No.

2) **Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

No waste material will be discharged.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

1) **Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (including quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

This project will not create or result in runoff.

2) **Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.** No.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground and runoff water impacts, if any:

None.

4. PLANTS

a. Check or underline types of vegetation found on the site:

__x__ **deciduous tree: <u>alder</u>, maple, aspen, other**

__x__ **evergreen tree: <u>fir</u>, <u>cedar</u>, pine, <u>spruce</u>, other;**

__x__ **shrubs**

__x__ **grass**

___ **pasture**

___ **crop or grain**

___ **wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other**

___ **water plants: waterlily, eelgrass, milfoil, other**

___ **other types of vegetation**

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

No vegetation will be removed.

c. List threatened and endangered species [of plants] known to be on or near the site.

Pink Fawn-lily (Erythronium revolutum) is located ½ mile east of this site.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: None.

5. ANIMALS

a. Underline any birds or animals, which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: common merganser.

Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: cutthroat trout.

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None known.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Chinook Salmon, coho salmon and steelhead trout pass through this section of the Soleduck River to return to the hatchery or go upstream to spawn naturally as adults. Juvenile salmonid species also migrate downstream through this location.

d. Proposed measures to preserve and enhance wildlife, if any: None.

6. ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. None.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. No.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: None.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

a. **Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal.** No.

1) **Describe special emergency services that might be required.** Water rescue.

2) **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:** None.

b. **Noise**

1) **What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?** None.

3) **What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.**

Increased levels of noise during construction activities are expected from this project. Hours of increased noise levels will be 8 am to 7 pm. No change in noise levels is expected from the completed project.

3) **Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:** None.

8. **LAND AND SHORELINE USE**

a. **What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?**

This site is used as a hatchery facility for salmon and steelhead.

b. **Has the site been used for agriculture? If so describe?** *No.*

c. **Describe any structures on the site.**

This site has a hatchery building, several storage buildings, three residences, an intake/pump house and numerous rearing ponds.

d. **Will any structures be demolished? If so what?** No.

e. **What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

Commercial Forest.

f. **What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**

Commercial Forest.

g. **If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**

Rural.

h. **Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.**

No.

i. **Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**

Three.

j. **Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**

None.

k. **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:**

None.

l. **Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:**

No change in land use is proposed.

9. **HOUSING**

a. **Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

None.

b. **Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.** *None.*

c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:** *None.*

10. **AESTHETICS**

a. **What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

No new structures will be built. An existing 10-foot tall cement pump house is on site.

b. **What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?** *None.*

c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:** *None.*

11. **LIGHT AND GLARE**

a. **What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**

The project will not produce glare.

b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**

No.

c. **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?** *None.*

d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:** *None.*

12. RECREATION

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

There are fishing opportunities at this site. There are also salmon viewing opportunities available at the hatchery.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreational opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

None.

13. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

None are known.

b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site. *None are known.*

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any: *None.*

14. TRANSPORTATION

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Pavel Road and U.S. Highway 101 serves this site..

b. Is site currently served by public transit? If no, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

No. The nearest public transit stop is in Sappho, approximately 3 miles away.

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? *None.*

***d.* Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

No.

e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

The project will in and near the Soleduck River.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

No change in vehicle trips will occur.

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: *None.*

15. PUBLIC SERVICES

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so generally describe. *No.*

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any: *None.*

16. UTILITIES

a. Underline utilities currently available at the site: Electricity, Natural Gas, Water, Refuse Service, Telephone, Sanitary Sewer, Septic System, Other.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity, which might be needed.

No utilities will be added or changed from this project.

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

SIGNATURE: Martin Peoples **DATE SUBMITTED:** July 14, 2008