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ADDENDUM TO DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE OILED BIRD REHABILITATION RULE - DATED: July 7, 2004

Name of DNS: OILED BIRD REHABILITATION RULE

Description of DNS:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife established oiled bird rehabilitation standards. The success of oiled bird rehabilitation activities is dependent on the standards of care provided. Some of the key elements critical to successful rehabilitation include the availability of adequate quantities and qualities of water, space, air and specialized supplies. For oiled bird rehabilitation operations to be most successful, these critical components must be available in a timely manner and in quantities commensurate with the numbers of birds oiled. Rules reflecting the necessary thresholds of these critical components are needed. Standards developed in rule that are based on the best available science will provide the guidance necessary to ensure a significantly greater level of success when engaging in oiled bird rehabilitation activities. Once adopted these rehabilitation standards will apply to those individuals or entities that physically possess and rehabilitate oiled birds. The new oiled bird rehabilitation standards will be integrated into WAC 232-12-275 which regulates wildlife rehabilitation permits and activities

Proponent/Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1066

Location of DNS, including street, if any: Statewide, Washington

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 July 7, 2004 should be modified to reflect the following updated standards:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is proposing to amend the current standards for oiled bird rehabilitation facilities. Some of the key elements critical to successful rehabilitation include the availability of adequate quantities and qualities of water, space, air and specialized supplies. For oiled bird rehabilitation operations to be most successful, these critical components must be available in a timely manner and in quantities commensurate with the numbers of birds oiled. The proposed amendments are based on our current knowledge of the best available science for oiled bird rehabilitation and will provide the guidance necessary to achieve a greater level of success when engaging in oiled bird rehabilitation activities. Once

adopted these rehabilitation standards will apply to those individuals or entities that physically possess and rehabilitate oiled birds. The amended oiled bird rehabilitation standards will continue to be an integral part of WAC 232-12-275 which regulates wildlife rehabilitation permits and activities.

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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