



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** LAKE TERRELL DAM CHANNEL RESTORATION AND FISH PASSAGE PROJECT

**Description of Proposal:**

The purpose of the project is to correct a fish passage barrier on Terrell Creek by reconstructing approximately 753 lineal feet of channel to allow fish passage over WDFW's dam at the outlet of Lake Terrell. Wooden flashboards in the existing dam will be replaced by pre-cast concrete panels including a v shaped weir. Channel reconstruction will include placement of gravel fill materials and large woody debris for fish habitat. A bypass pipe controlled by a manual valve will also be installed to assist with controlling lake levels. A culvert on a tributary stream will also be replaced to restore fish passage. Riparian planting will follow in-stream work. Monitoring and adaptive management will continue for 5 years.

**Proponent/Applicant:**

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Lake Terrell Outlet, WDFW Lake Terrell Unit, Whatcom Wildlife Area, 3800 Block of Aldergrove Rd. Ferndale, Washington, Whatcom County; Northwest quarter, Section 16, Township 39 North, Range 01 East WM

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

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> 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.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **February 8, 2012**.

**Method of Comment:**

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this

proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Bob Zeigler

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

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** January 24, 2012

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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