



State of Washington

## **DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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### **DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** FORKS CREEK HATCHERY IMPROVEMENTS (Pacific County)

**Description of Proposal:** The proposed project consists of two major elements:

1. Demolition of existing asphalt Adult collection/holding pond and replace with two/three new concrete raceway ponds, all within the existing footprint of the asphalt holding pond. New ponds replace and maintain current pond function, but facilitate easier pond cleaning of fish waste. No net gain in impervious surface area and new pond outlets will tie into existing pond effluent line/fish ladder.
2. Demolition of existing pollution abatement pond and construction of new larger abatement pond to improve existing treatment of fish waste collected throughout the fish rearing cycle. Construction of the new abatement pond will be completed within the existing hatchery footprint, and constructed on existing impervious surfaces.

Replacement of the asphalt holding pond with two/three new raceways and enlarging the existing pollution abatement facilities will result in improved water quality in Forks Creek.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Forks Creek Hatchery, 1986 State Route 6, Raymond, WA. 98577 Washington, Pacific County; Section 06, Township 12 North, Range 07 West 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 **November 16, 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:** November 1, 2012

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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