

State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: SOL DUC HATCHERY IMPROVEMENTS

Description of Proposal:

The proposed project consists of the construction of three (3) new concrete ponds (adult holding facilities) and a new concrete fishway (108' X 10' x 6' deep) to replace the existing adult salmon holding pond currently located within Pavel Springs Creek. The proposed ponds dimensions are 23' X 138' X 7' deep. The new ponds will also serve as rearing/release ponds for juvenile salmon fingerlings. The new adult holding facilities will be equipped with mechanical fish crowders and a water sprinkler system to calm ponded fish. The new adult holding facilities also includes a spawning shed (much like a carport) 72' x 29' at the upper end of the new ponds to protect fish gametes from sun and rain.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Larry Peck, 600 Capital Way N; Olympia, WA. 98501-1091 (360) 902-8376.

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Sol Duc Hatchery, 1423 Pavel Road, Beaver, WA. 98305, Clallam County; Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 13 West WM.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Larry Peck, 600 Capital Way N; Olympia, WA. 98501-1091 (360) 902-8376

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ 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.² 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 **January 17, 2013**.

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

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section Address: 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

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.¹

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 2, 2013

SIGNATURE: Bob Zeigler

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)

2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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