



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 16-001 Eells Springs Hatchery Supply Pipeline Replacement

Description of Proposal:

This project will replace piping at the Eells Springs Hatchery originating from a spring-fed water intake structure (spring # 4). Project will include replacing the existing 24" steel above and below ground water supply pipeline with a 36" diameter HDPE buried pipeline. Approximate length of the replaced pipeline is 2,950 feet. At the spring #4 intake box, new stop logs and screens will be added along with a new stop log gate as part of routine hatchery maintenance.

There will be some underground piping within the hatchery grounds upgraded and an existing 16 inch steel pipe currently spanning Hunter Creek will be replaced with a 24" steel pipe. All existing piping will be abandoned in place at this time.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any:

Eells Springs Hatchery, W 7570 Eells Hill Road, Shelton, WA, 98584 (T21 N, R4W, S18;
Lat/Long: 47.309308,-123.237234).

Spring #4 Location: The pipeline location begins at the hatchery and continues northwest to the section line between S. 13 and S. 18 T 21N R 04W. The pipeline follows the unmarked single lane gravel access road immediately adjacent to the large earthen pond to the west of Eells Hills Rd to the intake. A vicinity map has been included with this application.

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 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 rules². 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. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on February 2, 2016**.

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
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at:
http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_comment_docs.html
- Fax to (360) 902-2946
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Dan Doty on behalf of Lisa Wood

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.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Dan Doty at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-8120.

DATE OF ISSUE: January 19, 2016

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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