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**ADDENDUM 16-041 TO FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENTS**

Dated: August 1992 and January 2002

Name of FSEIS:

1. Lake and Stream Rehabilitations Final Supplemental Impact Statement (FSEIS), 1992-1993 and
2. Lake and Stream Rehabilitation: Rotenone Use and Health Risks FSEIS, 2002

Description of Proposal:

The original FSEISs were reviewed as a statewide proposal. Implementation of the FSEISs includes the following waters for the **2016** season.

This proposal includes the rehabilitation of five lakes in eastern Washington managed for trout only (Vic Meyers (aka Rainbow Lake), Mirror, Park, Blue and Alkali Lakes in Grant County). Alkali Lake will not actually be treated with rotenone, but it might receive water containing rotenone via seepage from Blue Lake, upstream. The rehabilitation treatment will be the use of rotenone, to improve fishing for trout via the elimination of undesirable and/or illegally stocked fish which compete with or prey upon stocked trout fingerlings. It will also restore the economic strategy of stocking fingerling trout instead of the much more expensive, large “catchables” which are used to temporarily “prop up” “under-performing” trout fisheries when stocking fingerlings becomes ineffective. Park, Blue and Vic Meyers Lakes will be stocked with “catchable-size” Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in the spring of 2017. After that, Park and Blue Lakes will be stocked with fingerling Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*) and Tiger Trout (*Salmo salar* x *S. trutta*). Vic Meyers will be stocked with fingerling Brown Trout and Eastern Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*). The FSEIS applies to statewide coverage.

The competing species of fish targeted for removal in this year’s lake projects in Grant County include: Brown Bullhead (*Ameiurus nebulosus*), Yellow Perch (*Perca flavescens*), Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*), Pumpkinseed Sunfish (*L. gibbosus*), Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) and Smallmouth Bass (*M. dolomieu*). Their presence in these lakes is likely a result of illegal stocking.

The proposal also includes the rehabilitation of a five mile section of Smalle Creek in Pend Oreille County by the use of Rotenone. The project is designed to remove nonnative Eastern Brook Trout in order to restore a population of native Westslope Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki lewisi*). This project will likely take three years to complete, so the restocking of Westslope Cutthroat Trout will not be until the spring of 2018. Last year, 2015, was the first year of treatment. This year, 2016, is proposed as the second year of treatment.

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

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Location of Current Proposals: Implementation of the FSEIS includes the following waters for the **2016** season:

Grant County

Vic Meyers - section 12, Township 24 North, Range 27 East WM.

Mirror Lake – section 11, Township 24 North, Range 27 East WM.

Park Lake - Sections 10, 11, 14, 15 and 16, Township 24 North, Range 27 East WM.

Blue Lake - Sections 15, 16, 20, 21, 22 and 29, Township 24 North, Range 27 East WM.

Alkali Lake - Section 31, Township 24 North, Range 27 East WM, section 36, Township 24 North, Range 26 East WM, section 1, Township 23 North, Range 26 East WM and section 6, Township 23 North, Range 27 East WM.

Pend Oreille County

Smalle Creek – Sections 13, 14 and 15, Township 33 North, Range 42 East WM and sections 18, 19, 20 and 29, Township 33, North, Range 43 East WM.

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 FSEISs (dated August 1992 and January 2002). Based on the FSEISs and the updated information provided in this addendum, the lead agency has determined that a new threshold determination is not warranted.

The FSEISs are available on WDFW Web page:

http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_comment_docs.html

The documents are available to be read at:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife-Natural Resources Building,
1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA.
Monday-Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

We issued this Addendum according to state rules¹. We will **not act on this proposal for 21 days** from the date of issue below. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal. We must receive your comments within 21 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **5:00 pm on August 4, 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: Lisa Wood

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal.

If you have questions about this addendum or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

DATE OF ISSUE: July 14, 2016

SIGNATURE:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Wood".

¹ WAC 197-11-625

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