



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 17-028: FINCH CREEK SHORELINE WOODY DEBRIS

Description of Proposal:

Finch Creek is the terminus stream for returning salmon utilized by the Hoodspout Hatchery. When fish enter the stream, they are immediately channeled to a fish ladder where the fish are sorted and spawned for future stocks. The mouth of the creek is a popular fishing destination for many stocks and the allowable fishing area is small in proximity with tribal fisheries to the north and private property to the south. The movement of the creek to the north has forced it to run along the seawall of the hatchery, which is the outside wall of the adult ponds. This has reduced the length of fishable stream and the available stream shoreline to fish from. A log and boulder structure will be installed using an anchor log, 8 logs with rootwads, and 2 man habitat boulders chained together with 2" chain and anchored into the substrate with beach auger anchors. The structure will be reinforced with cobble mix to provide habitat and stability of the logs. With the addition of the log structure at the corner of the seawall, DFW anticipates the creek moving to a more easterly flow to increase fishing opportunities for the public as well as protect the hatchery infrastructure.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Finch Creek at WDFW Hoodspout Hatchery, along Highway 101, Hoodspout, Mason County, Washington: Township 22N, Range 4W, Section 11.

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 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. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on May 23, 2017**.

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/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: 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 Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

DATE OF ISSUE: May 9, 2017

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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