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Lisa Wood, SEPA/NEPA Coordinator
WA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Regulatory Services Section
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Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Wynoochee River Fishing Access Project (DNS 17-044) located 16 miles north of the Town of Montesano as proposed by David Kloempken, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

TOXICS CLEANUP: Kirsten Alvarez (360) 407-6246

If contamination is suspected, discovered, or occurs during the proposed SEPA action, testing of the potentially contaminated media must be conducted. If contamination of soil or groundwater is readily apparent, or is revealed by testing, Ecology must be notified. Contact the Environmental Report Tracking System Coordinator at the Southwest Regional Office (SWRO) at (360) 407-6300. For assistance and information about subsequent cleanup and to identify the type of testing that will be required, contact Kirsten Alvarez with the SWRO, Toxics Cleanup Program at the phone number above.

**WATER QUALITY/WATER CLEANUP-TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNIT:
Marc LaCasse (360) 407-6554**

WDFW Wynoochee River Public Fishing Access SEPA Environmental Checklist does not address the water quality and stream associated impacts that launching boats into the Wynoochee River at primitive locations will cause during the anticipated use window (fall and winter) with the anticipated 100 launches per week. No Best Management Practices (BMPs) are explained or proposed that would address the anticipated bank aggrading, bank mass wasting, and increased turbidity levels that are likely to occur while pick-up trucks launch their boats. There were two launch approaches flagged in the field, with one being steeper with loose unconsolidated side slope materials and the other was much flatted with

the increased need for boaters to drive further into the Wynoochee River to launch their boats.

The 7400 Wynoochee River Public Fishing Access SEPA Environmental Checklist does not provide adequate mitigation that would enable Ecology to understand that no significant adverse impacts will occur as a result of the WDFW proposed project.

WATER QUALITY/WATERSHED RESOURCES UNIT:

Chris Montague-Breakwell (360) 407-6364

The following construction activities require coverage under the Construction Stormwater General Permit:

1. Clearing, grading and/or excavation that results in the disturbance of one or more acres **and** discharges stormwater to surface waters of the State; and
2. Clearing, grading and/or excavation on sites smaller than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, if the common plan of development or sale will ultimately disturb one acre or more **and** discharge stormwater to surface waters of the State.
 - a) This includes forest practices (including, but not limited to, class IV conversions) that are part of a construction activity that will result in the disturbance of one or more acres, **and** discharge to surface waters of the State; and
3. Any size construction activity discharging stormwater to waters of the State that Ecology:
 - a) Determines to be a significant contributor of pollutants to waters of the State of Washington.
 - b) Reasonably expects to cause a violation of any water quality standard.

If there are known soil/ground water contaminants present on-site, additional information (including, but not limited to: temporary erosion and sediment control plans; stormwater pollution prevention plan; list of known contaminants with concentrations and depths found; a site map depicting the sample location(s); and additional studies/reports regarding contaminant(s)) will be required to be submitted.

You may apply online or obtain an application from Ecology's website at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/> - **Application**. Construction site operators must apply for a permit at least 60 days prior to discharging stormwater from construction activities and must submit it on or before the date of the first public notice.

Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

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If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office

(SM:17-4415)

cc: Kirsten Alvarez, TCP
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Chris Montague-Breakwell, WQ
David Kloempken, WDFW (Proponent)