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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT (CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION)

Name of Proposal: DNS/Adoption 17-079: HERMAN LAKE CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Description of Current Proposal:

The Bureau of Reclamation is proposing to allow WDFW to replace the existing culvert on Seeps Lake Road at the outlet of Herman Lake. The culvert was destroyed by high spring runoff volumes in 2017. WDFW, the managing partner with Reclamation, will remove the existing 36" culvert and replace it with 66' x 51" x 66" arched culvert placed to match the bottom elevation of the existing 36" culvert and remove the existing 2' overflow culvert. WDFW will backfill and compact around the new culvert using excavation spoils and install and compact approx. 6" of base course and 6" of top course to the existing road grade, and place quarry spalls on the upstream and downstream sides of the culvert to protect the culvert from erosion. All excavated and disturbed areas will be seeded with native grass seed mix and straw mulched.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Current Proposal: Seeps Lake Road at the outlet of Herman Lake, approximately 5 miles northwest of Othello, Columbia Basin Project, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Adams County, Washington: Township 16N, Range 29E, Section 8.

Title of Document Being Adopted: Categorical Exclusion No. PN-EFO-CE-2017-068 for "Seep Lakes Culvert Replacement"

Agency that Prepared Document Being Adopted: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation

Date Adopted Document was Prepared: The document was signed August 30, 2017

Description of Document (or Portion) Being Adopted: The entire contents of the Categorical Exclusion.

If the Document Being Adopted has been Challenged, Please Describe: N/A

Name of Agency Adopting the Document: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

The Document is Available to be Read at:

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

This document is also available for review online at:

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

Adoption of Existing Environmental Document: After independent review, we have identified and adopted the referenced document as being appropriate for this proposal. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

We issued this Determination of Nonsignificance/Adoption Notice under WAC 197-11-340(2), WAC 197-11-610, and WAC 197-11-630. We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. 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 September 22, 2017.**

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DATE OF ISSUE: September 8, 2017 **SIGNATURE:**

