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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 17-052: SAMISH HATCHERY INTAKE RENOVATION

Description of Proposal:

The Samish hatchery has been raising and releasing juvenile chinook since 1914. WDFW seeks to correct three problems at this site:

1. The intake screens do not meet WDFW or NOAA criteria,
2. The fish ladder does not meet WDFW or NOAA passage criteria,
3. Sediment accumulations due to the weir require significant annual maintenance, consisting of heavy machinery dredging the river. The Obermeyer weir should eliminate this need.

The overall plan is to bring this hatchery intake into compliance with state and federal requirements for screening and fish passage. The intake will be redone to include new compliant screens. The fish ladder will be replaced. The weir will be replaced with one that includes four - twenty foot Obermeyer weir gates to allow full stream function (passage of fish, stream substrate, and wood) during winter months when fish are not captured for breeding purposes.

All excavation will be performed in isolation from live water, using cofferdams. Fill removal will be done by excavators and trucked up to a disposal site, either outside the work area on hatchery grounds (away from live water and outside 200 foot buffers) or off-site altogether. If placed on hatchery grounds it will be covered by seed and mulch at the conclusion of the work, and best management practices will be used to prevent erosion such as installation of sediment prevention fences and use of hay bales, straw mulch and seeding. Any stockpiled soils for construction or from excavation will be covered. Removed concrete will be disposed of off the hatchery grounds.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 6595 N. Green Road, Burlington, Skagit County, Washington: Township 35N, Range 4E, Section 6.

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 October 18, 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: October 4, 2017

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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