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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 18-010: BEGINNERS HOLE EROSION CORRECTION

**Description of Proposal:**

Currently there is bank erosion that is encroaching upon the gravel parking lot at this access site. The length of riverbank to be worked on is 25-30 feet long. The erosion extends back towards the parking lot for about 20 feet. Uncorrected, this will continue to erode the parking lot and unchecked could eventually threaten the county road, which is the only public access for many homes and two state run fish hatcheries. WDFW proposes to install four large conifer logs with root wads attached to both protect the parking lot and provide some better fish habitat where hiding cover is minimal on river edges. Another two to eight logs will be used to add strength to the structure and provide wood interaction with the river rather than rock. Some rip rap will also be added to weigh down the wood and give the whole structure the strength and rigidity to withstand high flows. Gravel will be placed over the top of the finished project. The parking lot will not expand upon completion.

2 logs with root wads at least 24 inches in diameter and 30 feet long.

2 logs with root wads at least 18 inches in diameter and 30 feet long.

2-8 logs at least 12 inches in diameter, 2 of which are at least 30 feet long.

Up to 30 cubic yards of rip rap.

Up to 10 yards of crushed gravel for parking lot surfacing.

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

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Beginner's Hole WDFW access site, 1313 Kalama River Road, Kalama, Cowlitz County, Washington: Township 7N, Range 1W, Section 33.

**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 law<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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 March 22, 2018.**

**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](mailto: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 Habitat Program, Protection Division

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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.<sup>1</sup>

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:** March 8, 2018

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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