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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 18-014: KENDALL CREEK BRIDGE MAINTENANCE

Description of Proposal:

Kendall Creek Hatchery Bridge is a 52' long steel girder and concrete deck structure spanning Kendall Creek in North Central Whatcom County. This bridge is the only crossing and sole entrance access into the Kendall Hatchery. Maintenance and repair is needed and WDFW proposes the following repairs: Rebuild and bolster sloughing shoulders on road approaches either end of bridge. This task will likely entail slightly widening the road prism and installing some means of retaining the gravel road fill, such as minimal low concrete retaining wall or bulkheads along the shoulders on both sides of each approach for a total of four retaining walls. Minimal excavation of the road shoulder fill will be necessary. It's estimated that up to approximately 12CY of material will be excavated from each corner shoulder and temporarily stockpiled on site. Maintenance activities will also include replacing damaged guardrails at bridge approaches (both ends of bridge) and replacing/repairing damaged utility conduits. Replacement conduits will be supplied and installed in kind by licensed in-house (WDFW) electricians using hand labor and hand tools only.

No work will occur on the bridge itself. The conduits will be replaced/repared from the bridge deck. If risk of material (drill hole debris, epoxy, or other materials) falling into the creek is determined, a tarp will be placed below the work area to prevent materials from entering the waterbody. All other work will be done on either end of the bridge, at minimum 10 ft away from the creek OHWM. Work done to rebuild the sloughing shoulders and road approaches will occur from the existing gravel road. Any necessary BMPs, such as silt fencing, will be implemented to reduce the risk of material (dirt, gravel, construction debris) from entering the waterbody.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 7100 Hatchery Rd, Deming, Whatcom County, Washington: Township 39N, Range 5E, Section 3.

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 April 5, 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
- 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.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.

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SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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