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**Re: DNS/Adoption 18-032, PEPC Project Number: 32249  
Ecology SEPA# 201802642  
Diablo Lake Boathouse Replacement/Relocation Project**

Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the **Diablo Lake Boathouse Replacement/Relocation Project**. Based on review of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist associated with this Project, we offer the following comments:

Stormwater runoff can have a significant impact on water quality, introducing sediment and other pollutants into waters of the state. Such pollutants can impair or eliminate aquatic habitat and prevent such waters from having multiple beneficial uses (e.g., fishing, swimming and drinking).

From the SEPA register, it appears this project **may** be subject to Ecology's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP).

**NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP)**

Permit coverage is necessary if construction activity meets the following criteria:

- Clearing, grading, and/or excavation results in a disturbance of one or more acres and discharges stormwater to surface waters of the State.
- Clearing, grading, and/or excavation on sites smaller than one acre that are a part of a larger common plan of development or sale also require coverage if the common plan of development will ultimately disturb one acre or more and discharge stormwater to surface waters of the State.

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- Forest practices, (including but not limited to class IV conversions) that are a part of a construction activity that will result in a disturbance of one or more acres, and discharge to surface waters of the State.

Information regarding the NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit can be found at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>

If you have questions about determining the need for CSGP coverage or you need information regarding applying for and implementing the CSGP, please contact Stephanie Barney from our Bellingham Field Office at (360) 255-4390 or by email at [stephanie.barney@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:stephanie.barney@ecy.wa.gov).

Thank you for considering these comments from the Department of Ecology.

Sincerely,



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