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**ADDENDUM 18-033 TO FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENTS**

Dated: August 1992 and January 2002

Name of FSEIS:

1. Lake and Stream Rehabilitations Final Supplemental Impact Statement (FSEIS), 1992-1993 and
2. Lake and Stream Rehabilitation: Rotenone Use and Health Risks FSEIS, 2002

Description of Proposal:

The original FSEISs were reviewed as a statewide proposal and they apply to statewide coverage. Implementation of the FSEISs includes the following waters for the **2018** season.

This proposal includes the rehabilitation of one lake in eastern Washington managed for trout only (West Medical Lake in Spokane County). The rehabilitation treatment will be the use of rotenone to improve fishing for trout via the elimination of undesirable and/or illegally stocked fish which compete with or prey upon stocked trout fingerlings. It will also restore the economic strategy of stocking fingerling trout instead of the much more expensive and larger “catchables” which are used to temporarily “prop up” “under-performing” trout fisheries when stocking fingerlings becomes ineffective. Post-treatment, West Medical Lake will be stocked with “catchable-size” Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*) in March-April of 2019 to create a fishery for Opening Day of 2019. It will then be stocked with Rainbow Trout fingerlings in May-June 2019 and then Brown Trout fingerlings in October 2019 in order to create a more economically and biologically sustainable trout-only fishery. All the stocking events after that will be with fingerling-size trout.

The competing/predatory species targeted for removal in West Medical Lake this year is Goldfish *Carassius auratus*. The presence of those species is likely a result of illegal stocking.

Our program proposal this year also includes the treatment of a five mile section of Smalle Creek and a 0.7 mile section of Highline Creek, both in Pend Oreille County, by the use of Rotenone. Both projects are designed to remove nonnative Eastern Brook Trout *Salvelinus fontinalis* in order to restore populations of native Westslope Cutthroat Trout *Oncorhynchus clarki lewisi*. This would be the fourth consecutive year for the Smalle Creek project and the second consecutive year for the Highline Creek project. The current plan for Smalle Creek calls for the restocking of native Westslope Cutthroat Trout in the fall of 2018. Before that happens, ground truthing surveys in June 2018, using eDNA, will determine the presence or absence of Eastern Brook Trout in the creek. If no Eastern Brook Trout are found, no rotenone treatment will take place this year and cutthroat trout will be stocked in the fall. If Eastern Brook Trout eDNA are found, a rotenone treatment will take place this year and the restocking of native cutthroat trout will take place in 2019. We are planning for the Highline Creek project to also take three years of treatment to complete. The restocking of cutthroat into that creek is planned to occur in the fall of 2020.

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Location of Current Proposals: Implementation of the FSEIS includes the following waters for the **2018** season:

Spokane County

West Medical Lake - Sections 11, 12, 13 and 24 Township 24 North, Range 40 East, WM.

Pend Oreille County

Smalle Creek – Sections 13, 14 and 15, Township 33 North, Range 42 East WM and sections 18, 19, 20 and 29, Township 33, North, Range 43 East WM.

Highline Creek – Sections 29 and 30, Township 39 North, Range 44 East, WM.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

This addendum is being distributed pursuant to WACs 197-11-600 and 197-11-625. The updated information provided above does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing FSEISs (dated August 1992 and January 2002). Based on the FSEISs and the updated information provided in this addendum, the lead agency has determined that a new threshold determination is not warranted.

The FSEISs are available on WDFW Web page:

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

The documents are available to be read at:

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

We issued this Addendum according to state rules¹. We will **not act on this proposal for 21 days** from the date of issue below. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal. We must receive your comments within 21 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **5:00 pm on June 13, 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/sepa_comment_docs.html
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal.

If you have questions about this addendum 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: May 23, 2018

SIGNATURE:

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WACs 197-11-600 and 197-11-625

SEPA Log Number: 18-0XX add (Addendum to Lake and Stream Rehabilitation FSEIS, 1992 and Lake and Stream Rehabilitation: Rotenone Use and Health Risks FSEIS, 2002)