



State of Washington
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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 18-039: FOREST AND LONESOME LAKES TIGER TROUT STOCKING

Description of Proposal:

WDFW will conduct a biological assessment of Forest and Lonesome Lakes to determine existing fish presence and abundance prior to stocking tiger trout (a sterile hybrid cross between a brook and a brown trout). Following the initial assessment the lake will be stocked at a rate of 50-100 tiger trout per surface acre. Agency staff, along with help from volunteer will conduct annual post tiger trout stocking assessments beginning in fall of 2019 to determine how existing fish populations respond to the stocking event. Subsequent stocking will be determined based on tiger trout survival, growth, and potential as a biological solution to illegally stocked goldfish and eastern brook trout.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any:

Forest Lake, off Forest Service road 7222, Pierce County, Washington: Township 19N, Range 10E, Section 35.

Lonesome Lake, off Forest Service road 7550, Pierce County, Washington: Township 18N, Range 9E, 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 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 June 20, 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 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: June 6, 2018

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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