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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT (CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS/Adoption 18-059: ROZA DAM SEDIMENT REMOVAL

**Description of Proposal:**

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is proposing to dredge up to 100 cubic yards of sediment from the Roza Pool, during a November 1 to February 28 work window in order to provide better migration conditions for adult salmonids. This project will occur while Roza Pool is at its lowest elevation of the year (1207 feet). An excavator or backhoe will walk on the accumulated sediment and remove all of the material in the dry. All dredged/excavated materials that are removed from the Roza Pool will be loaded into dump trucks using the existing access road and disposed of in an existing spoil disposal site that is located on Reclamation property approximately ¼ mile upslope from the Roza Pool).

**Proponent/Applicant:** U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
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**Location of Proposal:** Roza Dam on the Yakima River, approximately 12 miles north of Yakima, Kittitas County, Washington: Township 15N, Range 19E, Section 32.

**Title of Document being Adopted:** “Categorical Exclusion/Roza Dam Sediment Removal” cover letter and Categorical Exclusion Checklist for “Roza Dam Fishway Sediment Removal,” which together make up the Categorical Exclusion.

**Agency that Prepared Document Being Adopted:** U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

**Date Adopted Document was Prepared:** October 3, 2018 (cover letter) and September 27, 2018 (checklist).

**Description of Document (or Portion) Being Adopted:** The entire contents of the “Categorical Exclusion/Roza Dam Sediment Removal” cover letter and Categorical Exclusion Checklist for “Roza Dam Fishway Sediment Removal,” which together make up the Categorical Exclusion.

**If the Document Being Adopted has been Challenged, Please Describe:** N/A

**Name of Agency Adopting the Document:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

**The Document is Available to be Read at:**

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

This document is also available for review online at:

[http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa\\_comment\\_docs.html](http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_comment_docs.html)

**Adoption of Existing Environmental Document:** After independent review, we have identified and adopted the referenced document as being appropriate for this proposal. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

We issued this Determination of Nonsignificance/Adoption Notice under WAC 197-11-340(2), WAC 197-11-610, and WAC 197-11-630. 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 October 19, 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:** October 5, 2018 **SIGNATURE:**

