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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 19-005: LISTING PINTO ABALONE AS A STATE
ENDANGERED SPECIES

Description of Proposal:

Pinto abalone, a marine gastropod mollusc (sea snail), are candidates to be added to the state endangered species list. Available information suggests that the local population continues to decline, is aging, has experienced widespread reproductive failure, and likely will not recovery without significant assistance. The proposal would remove pinto abalone from the list of food fish/shellfish potentially available for harvest, remove other regulations related to harvest, and add it to the state's list of endangered species.

Information on the current status and trends in pinto abalone populations, factors affecting their continued existence, and management activities related to restoration are detailed in the *Preliminary Status Report for the Pinto Abalone in Washington* currently available at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/02031/>.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: This proposal would list abalone as endangered in all marine waters of the state of Washington. The species is known to exist primarily in shallow waters of Northern Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca over hard substrate such as bedrock or boulder.

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 February 14, 2019**.

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.

DATE OF ISSUE: January 31, 2019

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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