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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 24-007: STOCKING KOKANEE INTO MARSHALL LAKE

Description of Proposal:

WDFW proposes to stock Kokanee in Marshall Lake beginning in 2024 to create and maintain a recreational fishery. Marshall Lake has been stocked with fish since 1913, and is currently stocked by WDFW with Westslope Cutthroat Trout *Oncorhynchus clarkii lewisi*. Largemouth Bass *Micropterus salmoides* and Pumpkinseed Sunfish *Lepomis gibbosus* are also present as the result of illegal introductions. The size and depth of the lake makes it a good candidate to support Kokanee, and the deep-water habitat preferred by Kokanee is not utilized by any of the species known to be present. Kokanee have not previously been stocked in Marshall Lake, but appear to be an excellent fit both in terms of habitat and prey availability, and should provide a reliable fishery once established. Natural reproduction may occur, but stocking may always be required to maintain the fishery.

WDFW stocks Kokanee as fry (200 fish per pound; fpp) or fingerlings (60 fpp). Marshall Lake will likely be stocked with fingerlings due to the presence of a predatory species (Largemouth Bass). Annual plants of Kokanee in Northeastern Washington range from 2,000 to 50,000, depending on a number of factors (including lake size, natural production, predation, harvest, etc.), but usually average about 300 fish per acre. If fish are available, Marshall Lake could receive up to 60,000 fish annually due to its large size (e.g., 190 acres x 300 fish/acre = 57,000 fish).

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Marshall Lake, approximately 6.5 miles northwest of Newport, Pend Oreille County, Washington: Township 32N, Range 45E, Sections 14, 23, and 24.

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 March 12, 2024**.

Method of Comment:

SEPA documents related to this proposal can be reviewed at the WDFW SEPA website at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/open-comments>.

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 through one of the following ways:

- Online at the Public Input comment portal for this proposal: <https://publicinput.com/MarshallLakeKokanee>
- Email to: MarshallLakeKokanee@PublicInput.com

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/closed-final>. 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, or have difficulty with the Public Input comment portal, contact Lisa Wood at: SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

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SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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