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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 24-011: KENDALL CREEK HATCHERY PIPELINE

REPLACEMENT

Description of Proposal:

WDFW proposes to install a new separate 18 inch water supply pipe to deliver water from existing Well 2 to the existing aeration/water distribution tower at Kendall Creek Hatchery. Well 2 is currently equipped with two (2) vertical pumps that will be replaced with this project. The current piping from Well 2 is currently limited to supply water to the old hatchery building and limited rearing ponds all with reduced dissolved oxygen levels. The new pipeline will ensure oxygen levels are increased and allow more flexibility to deliver water from Well 2 to the new hatchery building (built in 1982) as well as augment water flows to all existing ponds. The new pipeline will be 18 inch diameter, approximately 485 linear feet and buried a minimum of 36 inches deep. All new pipe will all be placed within the existing formal graveled hatchery grounds with no increase to existing impervious surface.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Kendall Creek Hatchery, 7100 Hatchery Road, Deming, Whatcom County, Washington: Township 39N, Range 5E, Section 3.

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 Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this determination. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this determination. The comment period will end at 5:00 pm on March 26, 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/KendallCreekPipeline

• Email to: KendallCreekPipeline@PublicInput.com

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: 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: <u>SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov</u>.

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Footnotes

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

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