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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 24-012: FORKS CREEK HATCHERY RESTORATION PHASE 4

Description of Proposal:

Forks Creek Hatchery Phase 4 is a continuation of upgrades for this hatchery. Forks Creek has been an active state fish hatchery since 1899. This is the fourth oldest state salmon hatchery. Work consists of replacing an earthen pond with a concrete settling pond, a new water distribution box, and all the pipes and valves necessary to make all this work. Settling ponds allow for removal of suspended sediment from hatchery water supply to decrease wear and consolidate sediment into one location rather than in each individual raceway.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Forks Creek Hatchery, 1986 State Route 6, Raymond, Pacific County, Washington: Township 12N, Range 7W, Section 6.

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 27, 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/ForksCreekRestoration>
- Email to: ForksCreekRestoration@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: SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

DATE OF ISSUE: March 13, 2024

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

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

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