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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 24-014: STOCKING TIGER TROUT INTO MYRON LAKE

**Description of Proposal:**

WDFW proposes to begin stocking sterile Tiger Trout (2,000/year; 7-8 inches) into 12-acre Myron Lake (Yakima County) in September 2024 to provide a unique angling opportunity in the region. If the initial stocking and survival are successful, and angler interest is sufficient, WDFW will continue to stock Tiger Trout in Myron Lake annually. As these fish are sterile, they cannot reproduce in the wild which allows for significant density control through varying stocking numbers or eliminating stocking if the program is deemed unsuccessful. Myron Lake has a history of springtime catchable Rainbow Trout stocking with little carryover to larger sizes. Additionally, Myron Lake has naturally reproduced nonnative warmwater fish species including bass and sunfish. Seasonal stocking variation between Rainbow Trout and Tiger Trout will limit competition between the two species with Rainbow density significantly reduced over the spring and summer from angling pressure. Due to the piscivorous nature of Tiger Trout, available nonnative warmwater fish provide a substantial forage base which should allow for optimal Tiger Trout growth potential.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Myron Lake in Fruitvale, immediately northwest of Yakima, Yakima County, Washington: Township 13N, Range 18E, Section 9.

**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 law<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> **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 April 2, 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/MyronLakeTigerTrout>
- Email to: [MyronLakeTigerTrout@PublicInput.com](mailto:MyronLakeTigerTrout@PublicInput.com)

**Responsible Official:** Lisa Wood

**Position/Title:** SEPA Responsible Official and SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Director's Office

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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.<sup>1</sup>

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](mailto:SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov).

**DATE OF ISSUE:** March 19, 2024

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

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

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