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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 24-055: PALMER PONDS RIVER INTAKE PLATFORM

Description of Proposal:

The current Green River intake at the Palmer Ponds Rearing Facility does not have safe access for hatchery staff to conduct periodic maintenance of the intake. This work includes cleaning the intake screens at all hours of the day and night. This has become a difficult and dangerous task for staff. WDFW proposes to construct a new 31' x 2' x 4' walkway to allow safe access to the hatchery intake. It will attach to a concrete abutment (existing boulder encased in concrete) on shore and rest on an existing boulder on the other side. No dredge or fill is required for installation of this walkway.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Palmer Ponds Fish Rearing Facility, 32915 SE 309th St, Ravensdale, King County, Washington: Township 21N, Range 7E, Section 10.

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 determination according to state rules.² Agencies, 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 document. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on December 9, 2024**.

Method of Comment:

SEPA documents related to this proposal can be reviewed at the WDFW SEPA website at: [SEPA documents available for public comment | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#).

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA determinations. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal. Please submit your comments online through one of the following ways:

- Online at the Public Input comment portal for this proposal: [Palmer Ponds Platform](#)
- Email to: PalmerPondsPlatform@PublicInput.com

After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this determination on the WDFW SEPA website: [Final SEPA documents | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#). After 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

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

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

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If you have questions about this determination 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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