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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: MDNS 24-059: DESCHUTES WATERSHED CENTER HATCHERY

Description of Proposal:

WDFW proposes to construct a new hatchery facility on the Deschutes River. The facility will consist of a hatchery building (~7,200 ft²), surface water intake and access road, groundwater production well, emergency backup generator, settling pond (size currently unknown), twelve 10 ft x 100 ft and six 20 ft x 120 ft raceways for rearing juvenile fish, one 17 ft x 100 ft pollution abatement pond, outfall, utility/shop building (size currently unknown), water treatment, and three on-site residence buildings (not estimated to exceed 2,400 ft² each) with separate water supply and septic systems, driveways, and an access road. The facility will operate year-round 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please see the site plan for a conceptual layout of the facility and residences.

The proponent shall incorporate the following mitigation measures into the project:

The mitigation measures described in the December 20, 2024, "Mitigation Measures for the WDFW Deschutes Watershed Center Hatchery Project" document.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal: 7517 Rixie Road SE, Olympia, Thurston County, Washington: Township 17N, Range 1W, Section 7.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required. WDFW issued this Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS) under WAC 197-11-350. Agencies, tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this determination. We must receive your comments within 31 days of the date of this document. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on January 20, 2025.**

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](#).

Method of Comment:

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. You can submit your comments through one of the following ways:

- Online at the PublicInput comment portal for this proposal: [Deschutes Watershed Hatchery](#)
- Email to: DeschutesWatershedHatchery@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.

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 PublicInput comment portal, contact Lisa Wood at: SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

DATE OF ISSUE: December 20, 2024

SIGNATURE:



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