

SEPA Fact Sheet – Final PEIS 14-049

Title: Hydraulics Code Rule Changes – Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

Description: The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has prepared this Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Final PEIS) on the Hydraulic Code Rule changes. This document was prepared in compliance with the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

The Hydraulic Code Rules, except those for mineral prospecting, were last updated in 1994 before Washington fish species were listed under the Endangered Species Act. The purposes of the proposed rule changes are to update the rules to better align with statutory changes, meet current fish science and design technology, and improve procedural and administrative requirements. Specifically the rule changes will:

- Incorporate up-to-date fish science and technology;
- Simplify the permitting of certain types of projects;
- Improve procedural and administrative requirements to better align with statutory changes made since the rules were last revised; and
- Establish a structure for adaptive management that responds to changing science and technology and/or the results of effectiveness monitoring.

Location: Statewide

Proposed Date of Implementation: November 7-8, 2014

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Permits and Licenses Required: No permits, licenses, or approvals are required for the proposed Hydraulic Code Rule changes. Adoption of the rule changes is in compliance with chapter 34.05 RCW (Administrative Procedure Act) Part III Rule-Making Procedures.

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Date of Next Action and Date Final Action is Planned: Final action by the Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt the rule changes will occur on or after November 7, 2014.

Document Availability: The Final PEIS, Hydraulic Code Rule Change Proposals, Cost-Benefit Analysis and Small Business Economic Impact Statement, HPA Aquatic Habitat Guidelines and “White Papers”, List of Science References, and other materials referenced in the Final PEIS are available at no charge at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/rulemaking/> or at:

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