



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
FINAL DETERMINATION OF  
NON-SIGNIFICANCE  
September 16, 2005**

State of Washington

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

**Name of Proposal:** STOCKING OF CHANNEL CATFISH IN ROCK ISLAND PONDS

**Description of Proposal:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) proposes to stock channel catfish into most, of the Rock Island ponds to enhance public fishing opportunity. WDFW manages five ponds in Rock Island ponds to provide recreational angling. These lakes are stocked primarily with trout. Naturally reproducing populations of warm water fish also inhabit the ponds. The addition of channel catfish adds to the diversity of species available to anglers, particularly in Hideaway Lake, where high water temperatures preclude trout stocking.

In 2005 WDFW proposes to stock 200 channel catfish (10.5 fish per acre) into Hideaway Pond on an experimental basis. Future stocking of Hideaway or other Rock Island ponds depends upon successful survival of catfish to sport angle harvest. If deemed successful, only Rock Island ponds not directly or indirectly connected to the Columbia River will be considered for channel catfish stocking. These include Hideaway, Big Bow, Pit and Hammond ponds. Privately owned Blue Heron Pond precludes any WDFW fish management. Putters pond connects to the Columbia River by culverts.

**Proponent:**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
3860 Chelan Highway  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Project Contact: Art Viola, District 7 Fish Biologist

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Rock Island, Washington, Douglas County; Section 24, 25, Township 22 North, Range 21 East WM

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **September 15, 2005**

**Responsible Official:** Teresa A. Eturaspe

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, Regulatory Services Section

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**DATE OF ISSUE:** September 1, 2005 **SIGNATURE:** 

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