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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS) AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT (ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT)

Name of Proposal: DNS/Adoption 23-012: KLICKITAT HATCHERY SPRING CHINOOK UPGRADES

Description of Proposal:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) proposes to fund upgrades to the Klickitat Hatchery in the Klickitat River Basin in Klickitat County, Washington in partnership with the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Yakama Nation) and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The proposal includes funding capital improvements to the Klickitat Hatchery facilities to support an increase in spring Chinook salmon production from 600,000 spring Chinook yearling smolts to 800,000 smolts, and a transition from a segregated to an integrated spring Chinook program that incorporates natural-origin fish in the broodstock. The hatchery is operated jointly by the Yakama Nation and WDFW.

The Proposed Action is to implement the hatchery and production portion of the Klickitat River Spring Chinook Plan (Yakama Nation 2019), developed by the Yakama Nation in cooperation with WDFW. The Proposed Action includes construction and upgrades to the Klickitat Hatchery. Construction of temporary rearing facilities and connection of the new upper Indian Ford A Spring water supply pipeline is expected to take place in the fall and winter (September through January) during low water-use periods at the hatchery. After the temporary facilities are online, construction of the new structures would take place throughout the following year while hatchery operations continue, though any in-water work would be restricted to previously established in-stream work windows.

As one of the proposed funding agencies, BPA is the lead federal agency for this action and is supervising the preparation of the Environmental Assessment (EA). WDFW and Yakama Nation are cooperating agencies and are assisting BPA with preparation of the EA. WDFW has made a Determination of Non-Significance, and is adopting the EA under SEPA rules.

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Location of Proposal: Klickitat Hatchery, located at River Mile 42 of the Klickitat River, 301 Fish Hatchery Rd, Glenwood, Klickitat County, Washington: Township 6N, Range 13E, Section 4.

Title and Date of Document being Adopted: Draft Environmental Assessment titled, “Klickitat Hatchery Spring Chinook Upgrades” dated March 24, 2023. BPA 22-1-78975-004.

Agency that Prepared Document Being Adopted: Bonneville Power Administration, with WDFW and the Yakama Nation as cooperating agencies.

Description of Document (or Portion) Being Adopted: The entire Environmental Assessment for this project.

If the Document Being Adopted has been Challenged, Please Describe: N/A

Name of Agency Adopting the Document: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

The Documents are Available to be Read at:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Natural Resources Building,
1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Links to review these documents online are available at the project website at www.bpa.gov/nepa/klickitat-hatchery-upgrades. If you would like to request a hard copy, please call BPA’s toll-free document request line at 800-622-4520. Please leave a message with the project name, your name, and complete mailing address.

We issued this Determination of Nonsignificance/Adoption Notice under WAC 197-11-340(2), WAC 197-11-610, and WAC 197-11-630. Agencies, tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 30 days of the date of this determination. The comment period will end at **11:59 pm on May 9, 2023**.

Method of Comment: WDFW is conducting a SEPA comment period concurrent with BPA’s NEPA comment period. 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: www.bpa.gov/comment

Toll-Free Phone: 800-622-4519

FAX: 503-230-4019

U.S. Mail: Bonneville Power Administration

Public Affairs – DKE-7

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Please reference the “Klickitat Hatchery Spring Chinook Upgrades Project.”

BPA, Yakama Nation, and WDFW will hold a **virtual public meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm**. Instructions on how to access the virtual public meeting as well as a link to the virtual meeting will be provided shortly.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

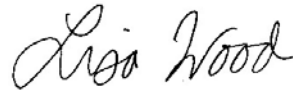
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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/sepa/closed-final>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS/Adoption or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at: SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

DATE OF ISSUE: April 10, 2023 **SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)

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