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PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT No. WA 000190-2

FOR DISCHARGES TO
WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

FROM THE LEAVENWORTH NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

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Public Notice Expiration Date: July 31, 2006

1. Summary

EPA is proposing to reissue a NPDES permit which authorizes discharge of the water used to rear fish from the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. This hatchery is an existing facility that has been in operation since 1941. The permit will establish effluent limitations, best management practices, monitoring and reporting requirements that are protective of the quality of receiving waters (Icicle Creek). To achieve regulatory consistency with other hatchery operations in the State of Washington, EPA has included many of the same provisions in this proposed permit as are included in the Washington Department of Ecology's (Ecology) general permit for fish hatcheries.

2. Tentative Determination

The Region 10 Office of EPA has tentatively determined to issue the permit.

3. State Certification

EPA is requesting water quality certification for this permit per Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from Ecology. Ecology may, as a condition of final certification, require that the proposed permits include more stringent limitations or monitoring requirements needed to comply with the CWA or State law. EPA

is required to include any such limitation or requirement in the final permits.

4. Public Comments

Persons wishing to comment on the tentative determinations contained in the proposed permits may do so in writing, within 30 days of the date of this public notice. Comments must be received by July 31, 2006, to be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permits. All comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the commenter, a concise statement of any comment, and the relevant facts upon which it is based. All written comments and requests should be submitted to EPA at the above address to the attention of the Director, Office of Water and Watersheds, 1200 Sixth Avenue, OWW-130, Seattle, WA 98101. Comments may also be submitted via email to Ragsdale.dave@epa.gov.

5. Document Availability

Copies of the proposed permits and fact sheet may be found on the internet at the following website: http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/WATER.NSF/NPDES+Permits/General+NPDES+Permits#Aquaculture. The proposed permits and Fact Sheet are also on file and may be inspected at EPA Region 10 offices at 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101 any time between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies and other information may be requested by writing to the EPA at the above address to the attention of the NPDES Permits Unit, by calling Audrey Washington at 1-800-424-4372 (within Alaska, Idaho, Oregon & Washington) or (206) 553-0523, or by e-mail at washington.audrey@epa.gov.

The documents are also available at the EPA Washington Operations Office, 300 Desmond Drive, S.E., Lacey Washington 98503. Please contact David Ragsdale (360) 407-6589 for assistance in this office.

To ensure effective communication with everyone, additional services can be made available to persons with disabilities by contacting one of the above EPA representatives. For those with impaired hearing or speech, please contact EPA's telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) at (206) 553-1598.

6. Public Hearing

Written comments receive as much consideration as oral comments at a public hearing. Persons wishing to request a public hearing should submit their written request by July 31, 2006, stating the nature of the issues to be raised as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number to David Ragsdale at the address above. If a public hearing is scheduled, notice will be published in the Federal Register, will be posted on the Region 10 web site, and will be mailed to all interested persons receiving notice of availability of the draft permits.