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**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA)
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

Date of Issuance: December 21, 2022
Lead Agency: Department of Ecology, WQ-PDS-GPU
Agency Contact: Shawn Ultican shawn.ultican@ecy.wa.gov (360) 407-6283
Permit Number: Not available at this time – issued after SEPA is satisfied

Name of Proposal: Draft Aquatic and Invasive Species Control General Permit

Description of proposal:

The proposal is a non-project action for issuance of the draft Aquatic and Invasive Species Control NPDES General Permit. This permit covers activities conducted by the Washington State Department of Agriculture to control invasive insects, and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to control introduced or invasive aquatic species of fish or animals that result in a direct or indirect discharge of chemical pesticides, pheromones, and other products to surface waters of the state of Washington. The proposed permit would cover the discharge of a specific list of authorized chemical pesticides, pheromones and products.

Location of proposal: Treatments under this permit can occur across Washington State.

Applicant/Proponent:

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Ecology has determined that this proposal will not have a probable adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). We have reviewed the linked Environmental Checklist. These documents are available at: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/separ/Main/SEPA/Search.aspx>

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

Control activities conducted under this proposed permit will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment if Permittees follow the permit conditions, the product labels, the Washington Pesticide Control Act, and the Washington Pesticide Application Act. Conditions within this proposed permit put restrictions on the use of specific chemical pesticides, pheromones, and other products to reduce environmental impacts. These restrictions ensure that discharge is conducted in a protective manner. Additionally, use restrictions are placed on application of pesticides and other products in locations WDFW has identified as having vulnerable species.

The comment period for this DNS will end on February 6, 2023 (47 days).

Responsible official

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This SEPA decision may be appealed in conjunction with an appeal on the underlying agency action.