

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT

PERMIT NO.: WA0991018

APPLICANT: Yakama Nation Fisheries
PO Box 151
Toppenish, WA 98948

FACILITY: Upper Wenatchee Basin Acclimation Program
7051 U.S. Highway 97
Peshastin, WA 98847

Yakama Nation Fisheries has applied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Chapter 173-220 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and the Federal Clean Water Act.

Following evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit has been developed which would allow the discharge of acclimation pond water to Nason Creek, Nason Creek tributaries, Chiwawa River, Chiwawa River tributaries, and the Wenatchee River from 10 acclimation sites located in the upper Wenatchee River basin. All discharges to be in compliance with the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Standards for a permit to be issued.

A tentative determination has been made on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit and fact sheet may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/paris/PermitDocumentSearch.aspx?PermitNumber=WA0991018&FacilityName=&City=&County=&Region=0&PermitType=0>. The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Central Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Central Regional Office, please call Jackie Cameron at (509) 575-2027, e-mail jackie.cameron@ecy.wa.gov, or write to the address below.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted by April 22, 2019 to be considered for the final determination.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held to explain the proposed permit and to answer questions about the proposed permit.

DATE: April 18, 2019
TIME: 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Chumstick Grange #819
621 Front Street
Leavenworth, WA 98826

During the hearing, the public may give oral testimony and written comments on the proposed permit. Written comments will receive the same consideration as oral testimony.

Written comments should be sent to: Cynthia Huwe, WQ Permit Coordinator, Department of Ecology, Central Regional Office, 1250 West Alder Street, Union Gap, WA 98903-0009.

Submit comments online at: <http://ws.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=KEQa8>.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. The Department is an equal opportunity agency. If you need this publication in an alternate format, please contact us at (509) 575-2490 or TTY (for the speech and hearing impaired) at 711 or 1-800-833-6388.