

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

DRAFT SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR CONDIT DAM REMOVAL PROJECT

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is releasing a Draft Second Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for the Condit Dam Removal Project. The project involves a proposal by PacifiCorp to remove the Condit Hydroelectric Project on the White Salmon River, a tributary of the Columbia River. Ecology previously conducted environmental review of the project comparing the effects of continued operation of the dam (the no-action alternative) with the removal of the dam (proposed action). This process culminated with a Final SEIS published in March 2007. The Final SEIS supplemented earlier National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental impact statements (EISs) produced by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in 1996 and 2002. After the SEPA Final SEIS was published, additional sediment sampling found mercury levels in Northwestern Lake sediment that exceed screening criteria. Ecology determined that these findings warranted additional environmental review under SEPA. Thus, a second SEIS is being prepared. In addition to addressing the sediment issue, the second SEIS addresses a change in the proposed location for disposal of concrete from the dam.

Availability of Draft SEIS

The Draft SEIS for the proposed management program can be viewed on-line at the following link: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/cwp/condit.html>

Copies are available by contacting Derek Sandison, the SEPA Responsible Official, at the address below or by calling (509) 457-7120.

Comments on Draft SEIS

The public comment period is from June 4, 2009 to July 20, 2009. The comment period includes a 15-day automatic extension. No further extensions will be considered. Comments on the Draft SEIS may be submitted in writing to the following address:

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(Please use the following in the email subject line: ("Condit Dam Draft SEIS Comments"))

Comments must be received or post marked by **July 20, 2008**.