

WAC 197-11-970 Determination of nonsignificance (DNS).

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Adopt Chapter 173-517 WAC -- Water Resources Management Program Quilcene-Snow Water Resources Inventory Area (WRIA) 17, to guide the protection, use, and management of WRIA 17 surface water and groundwater resources. The proposed rule:

- Establishes instream flows and closes subbasins to new surface water and groundwater uses.
- Creates reserves of water for future uses within specified management areas.
- Sets conditions for future water appropriation and use.
- Allows the collection and use of rooftop rainwater.

Proponent: Washington Department of Ecology, Water Resources Program

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The rule will apply throughout Water Resource Inventory Area 17, located in the northeast portion of the Olympic Peninsula, except for those subbasins and drainages that lie exclusively or almost exclusively in Clallam County. [See maps in WAC 173-517-070 showing areas covered by the rule.]

Lead agency: Washington Department of Ecology, Water Resources Program

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS.

This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below.
Comments must be received by July 10, 2009.

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