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Icicle Chapter of Trout Unlimited
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RE: Water Right Application No. S4-35173 –Temporary Authorization to divert water for fish acclimation and children's fishing pond

On April 7, 2008, the Icicle Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU) submitted an application seeking authorization to divert one cubic foot per second (cfs) continuously from March 1 through October 31, for a non-consumptive steelhead acclimation and children's fishing pond. The application has been assigned Control No. S4-35173. This project proposes to divert water from the Wenatchee River within the NW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 12, Township 24 N., Range 17 E.W.M, in Chelan County.

A Temporary Authorization was issued on October 20, 2008, and subsequently amended on December 18, 2008 authorizing this project to be conducted until October 31, 2010. Eric Hartwig with the Department of Ecology talked with Dan Davies on the phone on February 4, 2011, concerning the need for water until a decision on Application No. S4-35173 can be issued. A letter from Trout Unlimited, received January 27, 2011, asking that a new Temporary Authorization be issued for another two years, as the previous Temporary Authorization has expired.

To facilitate the construction of the steelhead acclimation pond prior to the next release of hatchery fish, TU has requested a Temporary Authorization to divert water from the Wenatchee River and pump it into the Blackbird Island steelhead pond located on Tax Parcel No. 241712320000 within the NW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 12, Township 24 N., Range 17 E.W.M. TU is proposing to use this pond to acclimate Wenatchee River steelhead to improve their homing fidelity and increase returns of anadramous fish. The secondary use of the pond will be as a children's fishing pond; TU will plant fish in the pond for this purpose after the steelhead have been released into the Wenatchee River. The proposal includes continuous pumping of water from the river into the pond from March 1 through October 31. Water will return to the Wenatchee River via an outflow structure 600 feet downstream from the proposed diversion.

The City of Leavenworth holds five water rights, which places of use include the acclimation pond parcel: SWC08105, S4-35004JC, S4-28122P, GWC00437-A, G4-29958P. These water rights are part of the city's municipal water system portfolio. No water withdrawn or diverted under these rights is used within the proposed place of use for Application No. S4-35173.

This water right application is being processed prior to competing applications in accordance to WAC 173-152-050(2)(b). The extending of the temporary water right is considered nonconsumptive and will enhance or protect the quality of the environment.

This TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION has the following parameters and provisions:

1) Violation of any of the terms and/or conditions of this authorization will result in immediate termination, issuance of Administrative Orders to Cease and Desist, and may also subject the violator to civil penalties.

2) A diversion of 1 cfs may take place from March 4 through October 31 each year. This Temporary Authorization will expire when a Report of Examination for Water Right Application No. S4-35173 is issued or sooner revoked by Ecology, but in no case later than October 31, 2012.

3) The temporary place of use under this Temporary Authorization will be a pond located within the NW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 12, Township 24 N., Range 17 E.W.M.

4) The temporary purpose of use under this Temporary Authorization will be to provide water for a steelhead acclimation and children's fishing pond within the place of use.

5) The maximum annual volume of water allowed is 485.1 acre-feet per year.

6) The priority date for this water right is April 7, 2008.

7) The diversion of water authorized by this Temporary Authorization is subject to specific instream flows for the bypass reach, authorized in WAC 173-545-060(10). Diversion of water from the Wenatchee River is authorized only when flow conditions will provide enough water to satisfy senior water rights, including the bypass reach specific instream flows. The bypass reach is defined as the 600 foot reach of the Wenatchee River between the authorized point of diversion and the pond outflow structure. All diversion of water under this Temporary Authorization must cease when flows at the "Wenatchee River at Peshastin" control station are equal to or below the following levels:

12-4590.00 Wenatchee River at Peshastin		
Month	**Day**	**Instantaneous (cfs)**
Jan	1	200
	15	200
Feb	1	200
	15	200
Mar	1	200
	15	200
Apr	1	200
	15	200
May	1	200
	15	200
Jun	1	200
	15	200
Jul	1	200
	15	200
Aug	1	200
	15	200
Sep	1	200
	15	200
Oct	1	200
	15	200
Nov	1	200
	15	200
Dec	1	200
	15	200

8) The Department of Ecology assumes no liability for the purchase and/or construction of any permanent facilities in conjunction with this Temporary Authorization. Applicants for a temporary water right should not construe that this Temporary Authorization will result in the granting of a permanent water right.

9) The applicant and operator of the system under this Temporary Authorization shall:
   - Have a copy of this Temporary Authorization available on-site.
   - Be aware of the parameters and provisions and operate accordingly.
   - Provide said copy as evidence of this authorization upon request by Department of Ecology staff.

10) An approved measuring device shall be installed and maintained for the source identified herein in accordance with the rule "Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use", Chapter 173-173 WAC.

11) The rule above describes the requirements for data accuracy, device installation and operation, and information reporting. It also allows a water user to petition Ecology for modifications to some of the requirements. Installation, operation, and maintenance requirements are enclosed or available from Ecology as a document entitled "Water Measurement Device Installation and Operation Requirements".

12) Water use data shall be recorded weekly. The maximum monthly rate of diversion and the monthly total volume shall be submitted to Ecology by January 31 each year. Ecology requires submittal of monthly meter readings to collect seasonal information for water resource planning, management, and compliance.

13) Ecology prefers web based data entry, but does accept hard copies. Ecology will provide forms and electronic data entry information.

14) At a minimum, the following information shall be included with each submittal of water use data: owner, contact name if different, mailing address, daytime phone number, WRIA, Permit or Certificate No., source name, annual quantity used including units, maximum rate of diversion including units, period of use, monthly meter readings including units, and peak flow including units for each month. In the future, Ecology may require additional parameters to be reported or more frequent reporting.

15) Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, shall have access at reasonable times, to the records of water use that are kept to meet the above conditions, and to inspect at reasonable times any measuring device used to meet the above conditions, but only to the extent otherwise allowed by law.

16) The intake shall be screened at all times in accordance with Department of Fish and Wildlife screening criteria. http://wdfw.wa.gov/hab/engineer/habeng.htm.

17) This Temporary Authorization shall in no way excuse the permittee from compliance with any applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations including those administered by other programs of the Department of Ecology.

18) The applicant must obtain Hydraulic Project Approval from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for all construction activities occurring within the high water mark of the Wenatchee River and its tributaries. Please contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife, 3860 Chelan Hwy N., Wenatchee, WA 98801-9625 or by telephoning Bob Steele at (509) 662-0503.

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision. The appeal process is governed by chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.

ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey WA 98503	**Department of Ecology** Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia WA 98504-7608
Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel Road SW, Ste 301 Tumwater WA 98501	**Pollution Control Hearings Board** PO Box 40903 Olympia WA 98504-0903

For additional information visit the Environmental Hearings Office Website: http://www.eho.wa.gov
To find laws and agency rules visit the Washington State Legislature Website: ttp://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Your Right To Be Heard
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