

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS
PRIVATE POND APPLICATION

Name and address of applicant Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, MT 59105
(Big Black Lake)

Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? No

Location:

County Yellowstone Township 01S Range 37E Section 10

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located Alkali Creek

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction Largemouth bass

Is this species legally present in the drainage? No

Species of special concern present in the drainage None

RISKS:

Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish
populations? None X Minor _____ Major _____

Comments: No fish present

Impacts to any life stage of existing fish populations due to
competition and/or predation? None X Minor _____ Major _____

Comments: No existing fish population present

Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this
introduction? None _____ Minor X Major _____

Comments: Predation on existing invertebrate populations

Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location? None_____ Minor_____ Major X
Comments: Plans are to try and establish a reproducing bass population.

If necessary, would it be feasible to remove this species after it has been stocked? Yes

Would this introduction result in impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? No

Describe reasonable and prudent alternatives to this action, if any (including no action).
Not planting pond - leave barren

Describe and evaluate mitigation, stipulations, or other control measures enforceable by the agency, if any. Screening inlet and outlet - not necessary in this case

List any other agencies or individuals that may be affected by the proposed introduction: Mr. Alan Black (Landowner) He has requested that we stock this pond with bass.

List all agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction: Dick Ellis - Regional Supervisor
Jim Darling - Fisheries Manager

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? Yes/No If no, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for the proposed action. No negative impacts are anticipated from the proposed action.

EA prepared by: Ken Frazer, Regional Fisheries Biologist

Comments will be accepted until None necessary

Comments should be sent to: N/A