

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS
POND APPLICATION**

Name and address of applicant Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
2300 Lake Elmo Drive
Billings, MT 59105
(Old Anderson Pond - David Watson owner)

Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit? N/A
Location:

County Bighorn Township 7S Range 33E Section 34

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located Little Bighorn River (Rotten Grass Creek)

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

Is this species legally present in the drainage? Yes

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 fish present.

Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this introduction? None _____ Minor x Major _____
Comments: Pond invertebrates become prey.

Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location? None _____ Minor _____ Major X
Comments: Plans are to 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).
Leave pond barren of fish or require the landowner to get a private pond license and stock the pond himself.

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

List any other agencies or individuals that may be affected by the proposed introduction:
None

List all agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction:

Dennis Hagenston, Warden Captain
Dick Ellis, Regional Supervisor
Jim Darling, Fisheries Manager

Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required? No If no, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for the proposed action.
No significant impacts.

EA prepared by: Ken Frazer

Comments will be accepted until none necessary

Comments should be sent to: N/A