

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS
PRIVATE POND APPLICATION**

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Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit?

Location:

County Flathead Township 27N Range _____ Section 20

Name of the drainage where the pond would be located Little Bitterroot

Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction Yellow perch

Is this species legally present in the drainage? Yes

Species of special concern present in the drainage Westslope cutthroat trout

RISKS:

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

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

None in pond, major impacts if perch escape to nearby lake.

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

Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location? None X Minor Major
Comments:

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?

Describe reasonable and prudent alternatives to this action, if any (including no action).

No action; switch to trout.

Describe and evaluate mitigation, stipulations, or other control measures enforceable by the agency, if any.

Import permit needed for perch.

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:

None.

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.

Small (2,500 sq. ft.) pond, screening system should be sufficient to filter out perch, import permit needed for perch, there=s concern over what would happen if perch escape to nearby lake.

EA prepared by: Jim Vashro

Date: 5/16/00

Comments will be accepted until 5/30/00

Comments should be sent to: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Attn: Fisheries Division
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Kalispell, MT 59901

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