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All,

This is in regard to the consignment of benthic data from Clallam County Streamkeepers to the bureaucratic dustbins of the Department of Ecology.

When BIBI sampling indicates that water quality in a watershed is impaired, we expect that something will be done about it. The minimum response is to look for potential causes, determine if human activity is responsible, and decide what remedial actions are appropriate. You apparently propose to do something less. Why?

I work with the WRIA 19 Planning Unit. We have done BIBI surveys on all of our major watersheds and intend to repeat them on a regular basis, possibly in conjunction with Streamkeepers and possibly independently. We expect that the agency responsible for enforcing water quality standards will use this data effectively whether or not it can be immediately linked to specific pollutants. When we find evidence of problems, we expect Ecology to help in finding causes and proposing solutions.

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