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Ann Wessel, Washington State Department of Ecology

My comments regarding : **Dungeness Water Rule**

Your **Dungeness Water Rule** Seems to be a very radical solution desperately in **search of a problem**. You need to state the problem before the solutions - not after. It would appear you are trying to solve a water shortage problem - but we have none. We sit at the base of a mountain range that gathers water and dumps it on us thru both rivers and aquifers, with salt water to the North of us. We are blessed with a plethora of water.. And any water we don't use is turned into salt and evaporated and returned to the mountains.

PLEASE STATE THE PROBLEM YOU ARE GOING TO SOLVE BEFORE STATING THE SOLUTION.

If your claim is a **shortage of water**, then provide some real scientific basis for it.

Justification of the rule as saving the state money by avoiding lawsuits is ridiculous. It certainly will create more lawsuits than it will avoid.

Your proposal to extract huge sums of money from people just for the privilege of using water is a huge money grab. You are asking for a mechanism to:

- 1- discourage people from buying and using land and
- 2- creating a huge money pot which apparently will profit your agency - or do you have some special interest in mind to receive that money?

That piracy is simply outside the scope of your agency - and most likely outside the scope of state government itself.

I call your attention to the analysis by Marguerite Glover, who seems to have studied the situation more than your staff has

Your Economic Analysis simply doesn't work - It's just hype. - See the Clallam County Commissioners's letter, and read the multitude of other responses.

Your agency has **One Billion dollars of our tax money to spend**. Can you not find anything to do with it other than to harass the taxpayers who are funding you? Perhaps you should return half of it to the state. Of course you won't, but maybe if enough people complain, the next meeting of the legislature will do that for you. Do you not

understand that it is landowners who pay the taxes that you are spending to harass and discourage folks from becoming land owners?

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