

**From:** Sarah Kincaid [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 05, 2012 2:45 PM  
**To:** Wessel, Ann (ECY)  
**Subject:** Fw: CALL TO ACTION RE: DOE

Dear Ms. Wessel,

The Department of Ecology (DOE) is proposing a number of significant limitations on water usage in our area.

I am concerned that these limitations will ultimately stifle development, decrease land values, adversely impact the business-generated and real estate-related tax bases, and, likely, result in lawsuits over what could be construed as a government “taking” of land. Lastly, and perhaps more important, they will deprive citizens of the right to use their land in keeping with traditions established over many years.

It would appear that, in essence, DOE’s scientists assert that there is a hydrological connectivity between aquifers and the waters flowing in streams and rivers and, furthermore, that an increase in the number of wells drawing from these aquifers will cause a corresponding decrease in the flow levels in the rivers. To remedy this perceived problem, DOE contends that it must implement and enforce a complex and expensive system of water banking and mitigation.

However, many other equally knowledgeable scientists contend that this supposed hydrological connectivity has not been proven and is merely a hypothesis. Moreover, if such a connectivity does exist, the effects of the wells on the flow levels is minimal and, therefore, the hardships inflicted on the general populace will far outweigh any potential benefits.

In fact, DOE’s own economist, Mr. Hoff, indicated that the probable costs of implementing the rule far out-weighed the potential benefits that would be achieved upon implementation. It should be noted that shortly after Mr. Hoff voiced his concerns, he was relieved of his duties and transferred elsewhere in the department.

The town meeting held on 6/28/12 reflected that the majority of the citizens that will be impacted by these limitations are emphatically against them. Many speakers at this meeting pointed out the legal flaws as well as the lack of logic and the punitive nature of the proposed rules. Similar commentary was presented at the Board of Commissioners meeting on 7/3/12.

Accordingly, I request that you delay the implementation of these rules until such time as you can convince the affected population – as well as our elected representatives – that these rules are logical, lawful, and beneficial by means of a thorough, independently performed economic study.

Thank you for your attention.

**Signed**



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Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 2:49 PM

To: Dick Pilling; Kaj Ahlburg; Eric Foth; Dan Shottthafer; Karl Spees; Pearl Hewitt; Sue Forde; Lois Perry; Norm MacLoud; Marguerite Glover; Jerry Sinn; Pete Church-Smith; Bill Paulbitski; Harry Bell; Carol Johnson; Steve Marble; Jerry Stiles

Subject: Need an avalanche of comments on the WRIA 18E Rule

Folks:

We, and I really mean we, won a huge battle at the County Commission meeting this AM - we got all 3 Commissioners agreed on a statement questioning the integrity of the process leading up to the economic analysis for the rule, and therefore its validity.

To bring this point home, we need every living, breathing person in Clallam County to send a comment to Anne Wessel of the Dept of Ecology, referring to either the media reports on the emails, or referring to the emails themselves, and how they show a corrupted process and economic analysis.

Say it however you want to, but conclude your comment with a demand for Ecology to stop the rulemaking timeline until an independent economic study is done.

One of my campaign promises was to stand in the way of any regulation that does economic harm. I've been doing just that in this instance.

If a new economic study is positive, I have a plan for the State budget to fund the water mitigation cost, so rule or no rule, land owners should be held harmless.

Please forward this to your lists, and ask folks to send an email to:

[awes461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:awes461@ecy.wa.gov)

with comments by 5:00 PM, July 9th.

Thanks to everyone who will comment, and for showing up at the public hearing on the 28th, and at this morning's Commission meeting.

Best,

Jim

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry



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