

**From:** The Muir's [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 06, 2012 11:37 AM  
**To:** Wessel, Ann (ECY)  
**Subject:** water management rule

Dear Ms. Wessel:

Re: Water Management Rule.

We agree with the City Council, the Sequim Gazette editorial staff, the Businessmen's Association, and general citizens, that the management rule as written must be re-done. The timeline is too constrictive since the information we're given is sketchy and incomplete—some which may even be outdated.

We are property owners who have lived here for 16 years. We use water responsibly, but at some date we may have to sell our nearly 2 acres. We believe a sale would be restricted and/or reduced by the intimidating procedure regarding water rights. We believe property sales, especially for small gardeners and farms, would be severely impacted. This rule is introducing negatives that don't currently exist. Why fix what isn't broken? Except to break it first!

According to the commentaries we have read, the answers to their questions were vague and situationally dependent. That's not good enough!

Please stop the rulemaking timeline now. An independent study needs to be done first. Considering the complaints from Jefferson County after the fact, this current rule is very harmful to our community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim and Bea Muir

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