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first, thanks for holding another meeting in Sequim last night and I guess you took public comment so I hope that was productive.

second I have a couple of questions that I thought of last night after I got home and was talking to my wife about the rule, etc

At the open house we were talking to a couple of Clallam county reps and one said that to date none of the large water right holders (I assume irrigation districts) have sign on a contract/deal to give up/sell a portion of there unused rights. if this is the case and signups are not pending and essentially mostly complete, how can the rule proceed or would the rule be delayed until the trust/bank has some significant water reserve to meet mitigation demands?

a follow on to this, I believe Brian/DOE said last night that that between 100 and 200 residential use mitigation requests per year for new water rights were expected, but what about after rule initiation, would you not expect a "run" on the water bank of all the legal parcel owners (like us as we own two platted parcels near Sequim) say upwards of 500 or more to request an individual water right for each one of these legal parcels?

on this later, I would assume that Clallam Cty can tell you/us how many undeveloped, but legal parcels are in WRIA 18, and if it is 500 or more how could the bank meet all these requests if the answer to my first question (water rights yet relinquishing) is NO?

thanks for your work on this rule as I believe it is our responsibility to conserve and protect the Dungeness stream flows from now into the future, but also not put local citizens in a position where their legal land could be come worthless as they have no right to the water below it.

if I need to transition these questions to comments let me know and I can do so, regards, Bob

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