

**From:** Steve Smith [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Wessel, Ann (ECY)  
**Subject:** water rule

Ann,

I am heavily invested in the Sequim/Dungeness area real estate for my retirement security, and I will lose tens of thousands of dollars in lost property value if this Rule is adopted. The proposed rule is so full of verifiable errors and misconceptions that it is beyond belief that you are proceeding to shove this legislation down the throats of the taxpayer land owners. Your statements about the minimum impact this will have on property values is laughable, almost as laughable as your statements on the impact on the river waters that wells have now and in the future. You and your agency are obviously under the impression that the "Tribe" has some special rights to control the rest of us, they do not. This rule will be a very costly legal battle if you proceed, but we will have no choice. Please take a step back and consider that the taxpayers, not the "Tribe", pay you to do your job. I know at this point you would have to do lots of back-tracking on your positions, but it is the right thing to do and might keep you from defending yourself personally in court. If you think your agency will be your shield from personal liability, check State law.

Steve W. Smith