

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 9:23 AM
To: Wessel, Ann (ECY)
Subject: Instream flow rule for the Dungeness River

Department of Ecology
Dear Ms. Wessel,

I support the adoption of the proposed instream flow rule for the Dungeness River

HOWEVER, I am concerned that the rule fails to adequately protect the Dungeness basin from the further over-appropriation of its water resources.

As currently formulated, the rule allows for withdrawals of water, in the form of reservations for future use. Allowing such future uses, even if partially mitigated, will keep the river from achieving the 180 cfs minimum flow in late summer the rule sets to sustain fish and the river itself

I URGE ECOLOGY **to adopt the rule *but not the proposed reservations for future use*** until we know the minimum flow amounts will be met.

Sincerely,
W. Thomas Soeldner