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I support 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. This rule needs to be strengthened to avoid the loophole that allows for withdrawals of water, in the form of reservations for future use. Allowing "future uses" will, in all likelihood, prevent 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.**

Thank you for your consideration,

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