

From: FaLeana Wech [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2012 4:38 PM
To: Wessel, Ann (ECY)
Subject: Comment on Dungeness Water Rule

Dear Ms. Wessel,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Clallam County regarding the proposed Dungeness Water Management Rule.

I support protecting instream flows and fish in the Dungeness and appreciate the hours of time and effort spent working on the draft but do not agree with Ecology's proposed rule.

Throughout the process, citizens of Clallam County have been told by Ecology Staff that the rule balances the needs of people, farms and fish.

In fact, this statement appears in some form or another in many of Ecology's publications regarding the Dungeness Water Management Rule.

The quote below comes from Ecology Publication #10-11-018-A Guide to Water and How We Use It in the Dungeness Watershed, page 1:

"The water management rule is one of many efforts in the watershed to protect the long-term economic health and vitality of your community by ensuring water supplies now and into the future for people, farms and fish."

This proposed rule does not provide balance but is a complex regulatory scheme that will be enormously costly and for what benefit? The public, as evidenced by numerous letters and emails submitted as well as verbal and written comments provided during the public hearing, does not support it.

There are far too many questions that need to be answered and for Ecology to adopt this rule without addressing the concerns raised by the Clallam County Commissioners, City of Sequim, WA Realtors, Port Angeles Business Association and many others would not serve the public well.

Please take the time to get answers to questions before the rule is in place.

Thank you,

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The rule as proposed does not provide balance at all. In fact, it penalizes