Communication Strategy

- Documents will be sent to:
  - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Sauk-Suiattle Tribe
  - Swinomish Tribe
  - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
  - Puget Sound Partnership
  - Skagit County
  - Snohomish County
  - Skagit County Public Utility District
  - Snohomish County Public Utility District
  - City of Anacortes
  - Participants in the Interagency Review Team Orientation Meeting
  - Interested parties that contact us
- Notice on the Website
  - Ecology's Website
  - Mentor Law Group's Website

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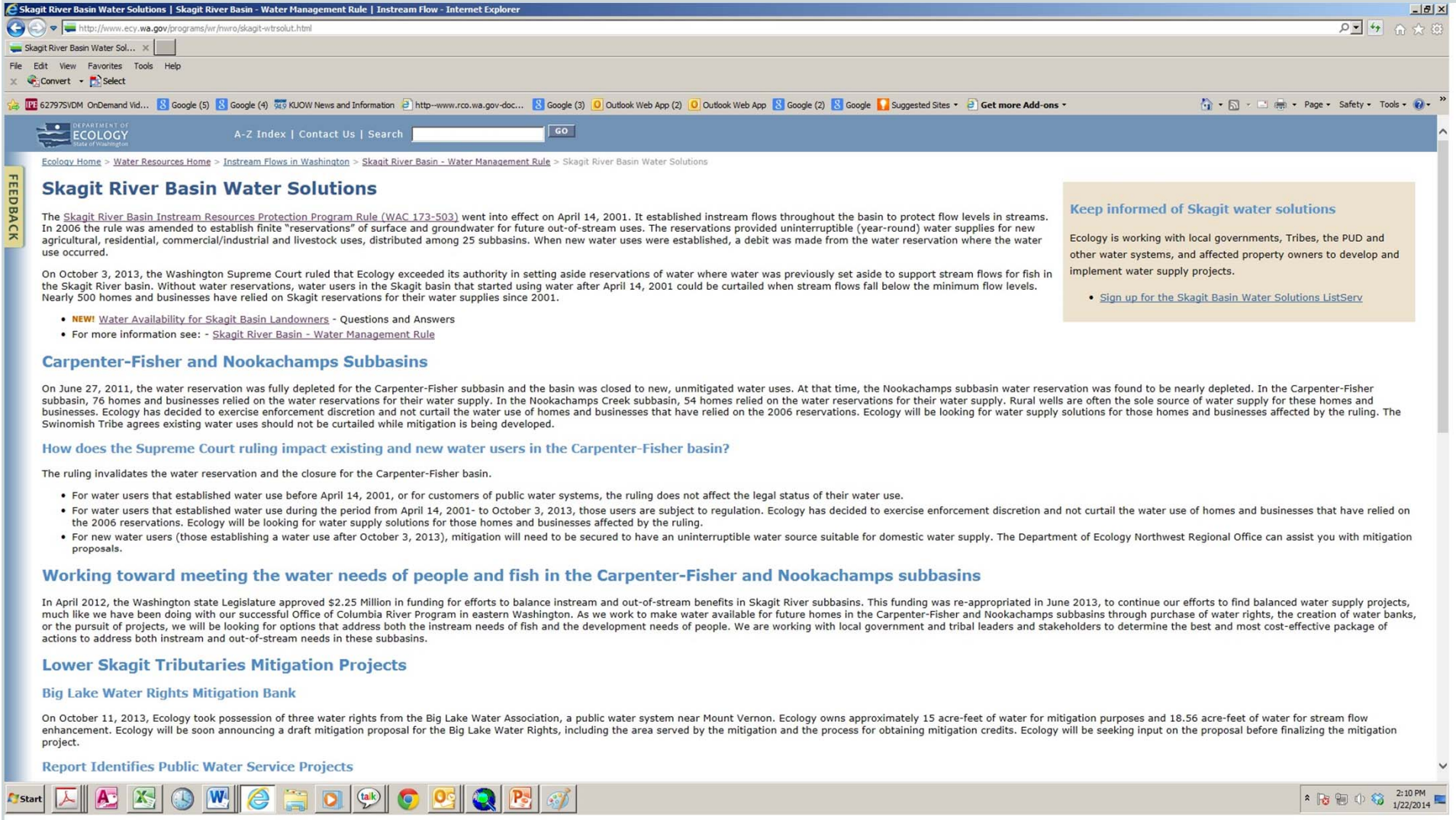

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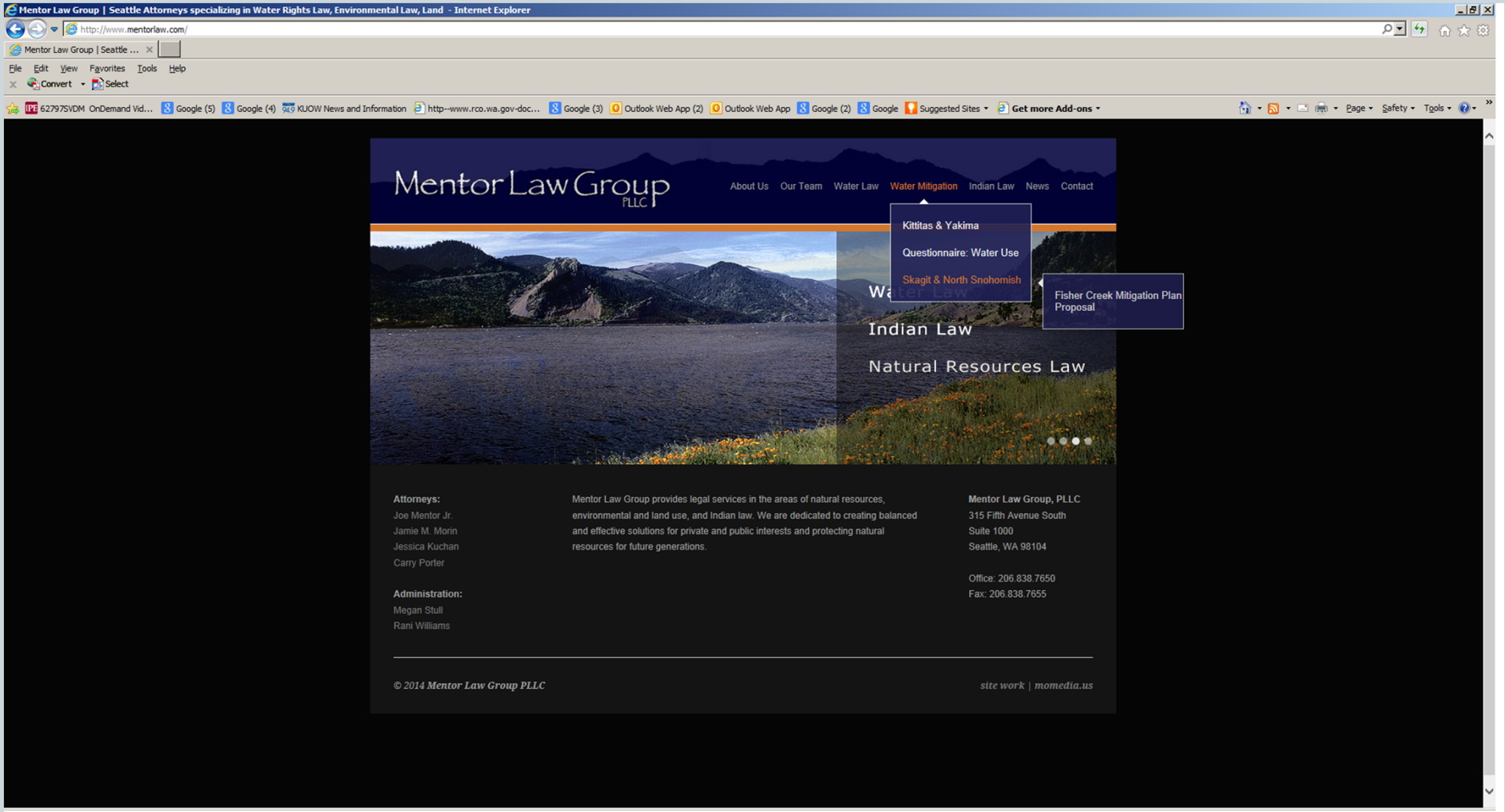

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In 2001, the Department of Ecology adopted its Skagit River Instream Flow Rule, which imposed minimum stream flows on the mainstem Skagit River. In 2006, Ecology adopted amendments to the Skagit River Instream Flow Rule, which 1) established reservation water budgets to serve new development in the basin; and 2) established a mitigation approval process to ensure that new groundwater uses would mitigate their impacts on stream flows during the low flow period. In 2011, after Ecology determined the reservation water budgets had been exhausted, the agency closed the Carpenter-Fisher Subbasin of the Skagit River Basin to new uses of water.

On October 3, 2013, the Washington Supreme Court invalidated the 2006 amendments to the Skagit Instream Flow Rule due to their adverse impact on established instream flows. This means that water uses throughout the Skagit Basin since 2001 must mitigate impacts on minimum stream flows on the mainstem Skagit River.

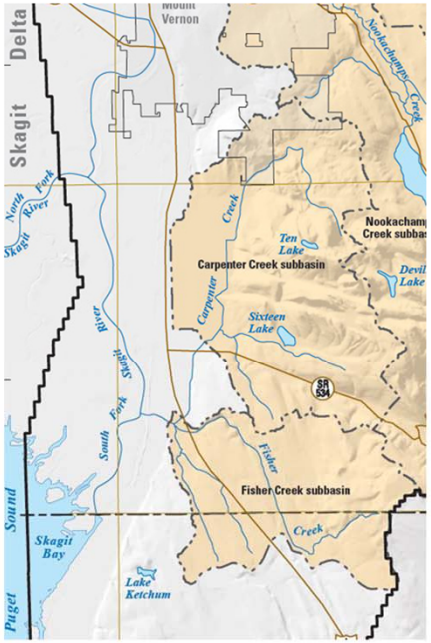
Ecology maintains additional information in its website:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/instream-flows/skagitbasin.html

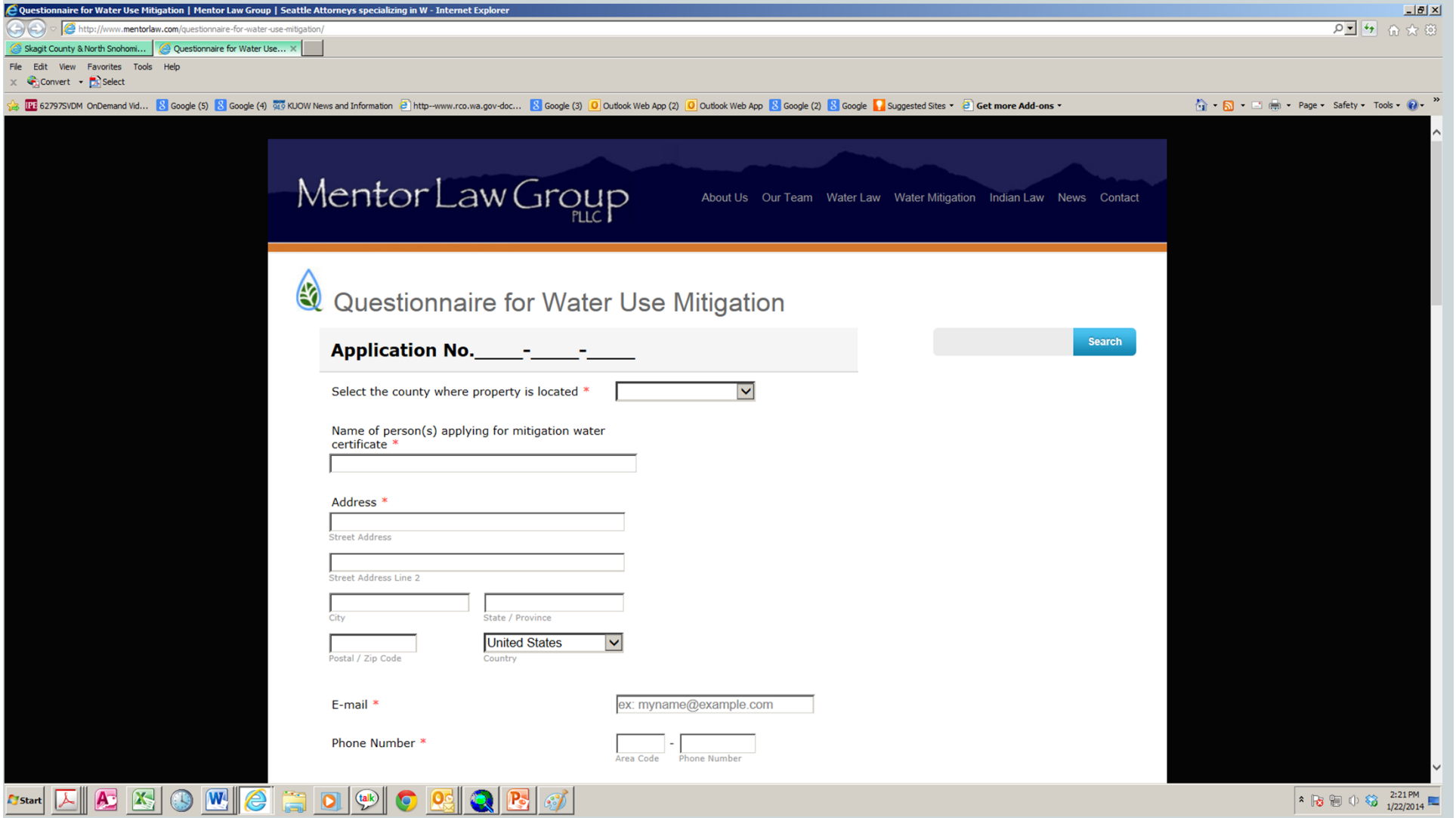
Consequently, in order to develop a new use of water in the Skagit River Basin you may need to seek mitigation for the impacts of your new water use.

If you are a landowner affected by the mitigation requirements and you would like to be added to our list of properties of seeking mitigation water please fill out our Water Use Questionnaire. We will not be able to provide mitigation until this program is approved by the Washington Department of Ecology but we will contact everyone on our list as soon as we obtain approval.

UPPER SKAGIT INDIAN TRIBE'S PROPOSED GROUNDWATER MITIGATION PROGRAM

On November 4, 2013, the Department of Ecology signed a grant agreement to fund a pilot project in the Fisher Creek subbasin. The Upper Skagit Tribe proposes to develop and manage a groundwater recharge project to provide mitigation for new groundwater uses in the Fisher Creek subbasin and to augment current instream

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