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Re: Supreme Court No. 86211-7 - Department of Ecology v. James J. Acquavella, et al.

No. 86211-7  
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Counsel:

The above case has been set for oral argument on May 17, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. Oral argument will be held in the Courtroom of the Temple of Justice. This will be the only case scheduled for oral argument on this date. Counsel should report to the bailiff prior to 8:45 a.m.

Pursuant to the conference that was held with the Commissioner on December 8, 2011, oral argument will be sixty minutes per side. The parties are designated as follows: the Department of Ecology, Department of Natural Resources, U.S. and Yakama Nation are designated as the Appellants; the other parties are designated as Respondents. Counsel on each side will coordinate as to who will present oral argument, with a view toward avoiding repetition.

**Counsel should acknowledge receipt of this letter regardless of whether they are appearing at oral argument. E-mail acknowledgement to [Lisa.Bausch@courts.wa.gov](mailto:Lisa.Bausch@courts.wa.gov). Please list the case number, name and date of oral argument in your e-mail.**

If counsel are aware of any potential amicus curiae, they should be advised RAP 10.2(f), as amended effective September 1, 1999, requires that amicus curiae briefs not requested by the court must be served and received by the court not later than 30 days prior to oral argument.

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Sincerely,

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