

My name is George Chandler, [REDACTED]

I am very troubled by the comments in the emails that were referenced in the Sequim Gazette article of June 6. I have requested and received copies of the those emails, over 1,700 pages of what I call "duck and cover" by certain members of the Department of Ecology. It is obvious that your department was seeking a certain "outcome" and when the the individual assigned the responsibility to do the cost-benefit analysis could not provide your predetermined outcome, you applied enough pressure that the individual "asked" to be reassigned. Having spend more that 30 years in positions of management in the private sector, I assure you that your methods were somewhat juvenile and obvious that you need a training session on how to conduct an employee exit.

It is obvious from the emails that your proposed rule is in violation of the state rule requiring that probable benefits of the rule are greater that its probable costs. Are you prepared to stand here this day and put your name on a proposal that you know is in violation of the state rule?

I quote from one email; " Is there a need for mitigation in this basin? No one has evaluated this except activists that say yes, you must mitigate everywhere. All the time! For every reason! This is nonsense, and overstepping our regulatory trust to make good judgement calls. The Dungeness basin is NOT a closed basin. ----You should only pull out the regulatory stick if you can prove that regulation is necessary to stop a runaway train. The fact is that there is plenty of legal water available in the basin."

Another interesting email reads;" You can disagree with me all you want but you better check with your attorneys! It's clearly bad policy to put millions of gallons of water for fish over a few gallons for people. Or God forbid, not protect the water for the people at al. Like I said this rule smacks of anti growth." Is this when you made the decision that "that guy needs to change jobs"?

Your proposed rule is all about control! You and your department consider yourself members of the elite part of our society and only you know what is best for the little people in the hinterland.

Thank you.