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Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2012 9:32 PM
To: Wessel, Ann (ECY)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dungeness Water Management Rule (WRIA 18) - Chapter 173-518 WAC

Dear Ms Wessel,

I attended and testified at the Public Hearing held last Thursday, June 28. I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of opposition to the proposed rule. Many educated and qualified individuals presented evidence that raises questions regarding the validity of the (CBA) that was conducted by your department to substantiate implementing the rule. I request you delay the rulemaking timeline until an independent economic study is completed and the results are made available for review by all affected by your decision.

I am a landowner that will be directly affected by this rule and stand to lose my irrigation rights and will be forced to pay a mitigation fee for a well permit on 13 acres that I have owned for 8 years. I purchased this particular property for my retirement home and the ability to be self-sufficient from a small farm operation. I feel you are proposing to take a portion of my property rights without just consideration or compensation.

I am not one who wishes to litigate but if this rule is forced on our district without independent facts and figures that clarify and justify its implementation, I will join the many landowners who are considering a class action suit to protect our property rights.

Wilbur F Hammond Jr
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