

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 05, 2012 12:07 PM  
**To:** Wessel, Ann (ECY)  
**Subject:** Dungeness watershed issues

Dear Ms. Wessel,

I used to own a home along the Dungeness River. In 1997 the so-called "Pinnacle Express" visited the peninsula and created extreme flooding along the river. The flooding caused a dead, very large Cottonwood tree at the western edge of the river to uproot and opened a hole in a very professionally constructed built dike to fail. The high water flooded my property and several others along the river but my residence was not flooded.

My neighbors and I wanted to rebuild the dike to protect our properties. We were met with much opposition by various organizations including the Department of Ecology. I do not remember the DOE person who was assigned the project but I can tell you that we were able to prove that the science your agency was quoting was extremely flawed. To top that, the man was so out of his mind with a water issue that I, and my neighbor forcefully escorted him to my gate and told him to never return. He never returned and to my knowledge no other DOE official showed up. To be fair I also ordered a Clallam County Planner off of my property because he was overly unprofessional. He left County employment shortly afterward. We did obtain a permit and rebuilt the dike.

This brings me to my point of this message. It would appear that DOE is still acting in an unprofessional manner with this WRIA 18 issue. Instead of reassigning the DOE economist who found fault with the DOE position, he should have been promoted and conducted a peer-review study for the good of the citizens. The bottom line is for DOE to walk away from your rule-making timeline until a thorough and professional economic study has been done and presented to our County Commissioners for review by the citizens.

Thank you for your time.

Robert Kavanaugh