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**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2012 10:12 AM  
**To:** Wessel, Ann (ECY)  
**Subject:** Support for DOE policy on Dungeness Water Resources (WRIA 18)

Dear Ms Wessel,

I support DOE efforts to create a sane use of water resources in the Dungeness River watershed. See my attached note of support. Primary reference is the Clallam County Commissioners letter sent to you recently.

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To: Washington State Department of Ecology

Subj: Support for DOE Policy on Dungeness Water Issues

I STRONGLY support your efforts to establish a sensible water resources policy for the Dungeness (WRIA 18) Watershed. A policy strongly resisted by local developers, realtors and pandering politicians.

Reference the Clallam County Commission letter of support for "business as usual" on those water resources submitted to DOE.

My comments:

Let me see if I have this right. Dick Pilling = develop every square foot of earth, pave it over and paint trees on the buildings. Pilling supports Commissioner's letter.

My interpretation of the tenor of the Commissioner's letter is as follows: "My expert says there is no connection between water in wells and water in the creeks and rivers." It would be nice if Commissioner McEntire identified his expert so that it can be determined if he/she/it is truly an expert or just a figment of Commissioner McEntire's imagination. This unidentified expert argument is continually repeated by those who ignore facts. Use of this tactic should not be allowed sway of the issue.

The Commissioner's letter continues, "But, just in case someone vocally disagrees (like in court action) there may be a connection of well water to creek/river water, so if there is a connection you (DOE) have to prove it before I will agree to limit use of water from the creeks"

In the meantime I (McEntire, Pilling, developers lobby) will grunt and snort in our efforts to exploit the environment to the fullest, just like we have done in the past with development and its impact on the Salmon. After all we are doing just fine without all those damned fish.

Wetlands are another good example of current policy. Locally, we have successfully ignored the law and have fully developed some of the swamiest, worthless wetlands and filled them in with pit run to create very livable homes, albeit a bit damp in the rainy season.

Furthermore, the massive dumping of garbage and toxics into the streams and the Strait shows not visible effects to my use of those resources, afterall the water is still blue and my yacht moves through it, same as in the good old days before those environmentalist nuts started all of that ballyhoo.

Burning all that leftover "wood junk" in the forests after tree harvest will not impact future tree growth, besides my expert assures me that trees are not plants and do not need replenishment of soil nutrients.

We deserve 'lectricity for our computer games. After we get that unregulated utility electric plant up and running, we figure it is Grandfathered and no court will reverse our actions.

The Commissioner's letter concludes: However, if all of that subterfuge won't work for my interests, then let's conduct a baseless economic study with phony assumptions and string it out for years and years, until no one cares about this issue anymore, while we make "best and most profitable development use" of the land. We were here first and we have the right to exploit our land any way we want to.

Summary of Commissioner's letter: THE FUTURE BE DAMNED. YOU BETCHA! WE WON'T BE HERE THAT LONG ANYWAY!!

So Sad,

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