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To: Wessel, Ann (ECY)
Subject: WRIA 18 Question and Concern

Mrs Wessel,

I have been a resident of Sequim my entire life. That would be almost 40 years. In my time here, I have not noticed any difference in the water flows of the Dungeness River. No I have not actually recorded the flows, it is just my observation that they have not changed. This would include a lot of changes in the amount of homes in the area as you can imagine since 1972 when I was born. I will admit that the fish population has declined drastically. That would be due to over fishing by everyone (commercial fisheries, the tribes and yes the sportsman as well). So I am wondering why we need to regulate the wells in the area except for an excuse to trample on the rights of land owners.

I also would like to know why the Instream Flow that is set for the rule is 116% of what the average flow has been in the Dungeness River for the past 69 years? This seems like an impossible flow to achieve.

Please explain.

Thanks,

Bill Schroepfer

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