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Dungeness River watershed.

There is connections between ground water and rivers. When working for the Fisheries Dept. back in 1989 on the Clearwater River, we learned some hard lessons there, that when the river rose and fell, ~~the~~ a pond adjacent to the river rose and fell ~~in~~ correspondingly. We had a smolt trap on a creek that drained the pond. ~~So~~

So I would imagine that a reduction in ground water from

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too many people living on the Dungeness watershed could cause problems for salmon migration in August, September, and October. That problem did occur before they changed the irrigation intake. I saw that with pink salmon.

Now the problem is too many people - overpopulation which feeds constant pressure from land developers and realtors.

The way to solve this is no more development in the Dungeness watershed. No more growth. End growth!

Respectfully

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