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Dear Mr. Koch;

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to Ecology's 2004 draft 303(d) list. Stimson Lumber Company fully supports your efforts to assess the water quality in Washington's waters, provided that such assessment relies solely upon the best available scientific evidence.

As you may be aware, there are on-going data collection efforts being conducted both on regional (County Conservation Districts) and statewide efforts (Department of Natural Resources, Cooperative Monitoring & Evaluation Committee). We strongly encourage the Department of Ecology to work cooperatively with these efforts to insure that the current assessment, as well as all future assessments, incorporates the most current data available.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact either Mr. Wade Pierce or myself at (509) 447-3686.

Sincerely,

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