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SUBJECT: City of Olympia Comment on Proposed Water Quality Assessment and 303(d) List for Washington State Using Fresh Water Data

Dear Mr. Lizon:

The City of Olympia has reviewed the Proposed Water Quality Assessment and 303(d) List for Washington State Using Fresh Water Data (available for a 60-day public review and comment period: March 17 through May 15, 2015). In particular, the City of Olympia has assessed potential changes to stream reaches/segments in and around the City's incorporated boundary.

Through our analysis, we identified three stream reaches/segments currently listed as impaired under Ecology's 2012-303(d) list. These streams include Black Lake Ditch, Percival Creek and Chambers Creeks'. It appears these three streams will be de-listed or moved to a Category 1 (meets water quality standards) as a result of the proposed Water Quality Assessment and 303(d) listing update. We view this as an incremental but positive success toward the improvement of water quality within the City's incorporated limits.

The City of Olympia agrees with and supports the proposed Water Quality Assessment and 303(d) list update as it relates to waterbodies within City limits. We look forward to the approval of this update by the Department of Ecology and Environmental Protection Agency.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments. The City of Olympia is committed to improving water quality and welcomes any opportunity to collaborate with Ecology on important issues such as this.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 360.753.8097 or email jgraham@ci.olympia.wa.us.

Sincerely,

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