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Mr. Patrick Lizon
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RE: Proposed 2012 Water Quality Assessment- White Salmon River, Listing ID 72898

Dear Mr. Lizon:

Klickitat County would like to submit comments on your proposed category 5 temperature listing for the White Salmon River (Listing ID 72898). The county believes the category 5 listing is not appropriate for White Salmon River. The temperature monitoring location was/is within the backwater of the Bonneville pool and therefore should not be attributed to the White Salmon River. This should be a classification for the Columbia River and subject to the (Water Quality Assessment Units for the Columbia and Snake Rivers- March 18) and be delineated using the NHD polygon features throughout the slack waters and not the White Salmon River. This would more closely align to the NHD hydrography it contains.

The County requests that any reaches of the White Salmon River from the mouth to the upper limits of the old reservoir only use data post breaching of Condit Dam for future water quality assessments that are in the slack waters of the Bonneville pool.

Regards,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be "Jacob Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jacob Anderson
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