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Subject: Comments on Preliminary Permit re CAFO's
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Dear Mr. Jennings:

Please find attached the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community's preliminary comments on the preliminary draft CAFO permit

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Via Electronic Mail

Jonathan Jennings
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Re: Comments on Preliminary Draft of WA CAFO General Permit

Dear Mr. Jennings,

The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community has been engaged in and observing of the efforts in the Samish Watershed, and unfortunately despite the best efforts of the participants, fecal coliform issues have not been adequately addressed. Voluntary programs have not been proven to be effective in the abatement of agricultural pollution. We therefore feel that it is critical that permits be required to regulate agricultural practices, and this CAFO permit is well past due and essential to address issues so important to the Tribes, as well as the public at large. At the point in the permit review process, the Tribe is fully supportive of the efforts of the Western Environmental Law Center (WELC) in moving this effort forward, and we want to voice our support for the comments and references provided in their October 2nd letter regarding this draft permit. We also support the comments provided to you by the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.

We intend to stay engaged on this issue and will be providing more detailed comments when a draft permit is officially available for review. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Wasserman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Larry Wasserman
Environmental Policy Director