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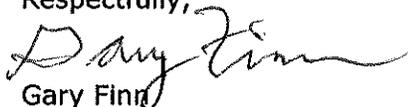
From: "Gary Finn" <garyfinn_bc@msn.com>
To: <jonathan.jennigs@ecy.wa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 12:07 PM
Subject: mosquito control permit comments

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology:

I am a citizen of Benton County who is concerned about your proposed limitations on the spraying for mosquito control. We have a Mosquito Control District here in Benton County for which we pay taxes. The citizens of Benton County voted and approved the Mosquito Control District because we value our quality of life here in the Tri-City area. The water and hot summers here create a breeding ground for mosquitoes. We want them controlled. Not only are they irritating pests, but they also carry diseases. I am really concerned with the possibility of humans contracting West Nile Virus, which can be devastating and fatal.

As a teacher I worked with the Benton County Conservation District and participated in the Salmon in the Classroom project. I know that your Dept. of Ecology is trying to protect fish and our aquatic environment, and I appreciate that. However, I feel that you should not make decisions that could be fatal to human lives. Not controlling mosquitoes efficiently could be dangerous to humans with the spread of West Nile Virus and other diseases. I live about 200 yards from the Yakima River in Benton City, WA. Every year I request the Benton County Mosquito Control District to spray near my property because the mosquitoes become a problem in the summer. I will not be pleased if the Mosquito Control is not able to spray in my area because of regulations by the Dept. of Ecology. I believe the Mosquito Control District is responsible and is not polluting our environment enough to cause problems. Their benefits outweigh any small negative effects on our environment. Please let them do their job! Thank you!

Respectfully,



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