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Public Comment Form for:

Ecology Aquatic Mosquito Control NPDES Draft General Permit

Public comment period ends March 17, 2010 at 5:00 PM

Please hand comments to the hearings officer or mail to:

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To whom it may concern,

The new permit that the Washington State Department of Ecology is trying to impose would put a stop to nuisance adulticiding and vector adulticiding in this district until the disease is sustained for the season. This means that our district could not fog for mosquitoes. The mosquito control would be changing from a proactive control program to reactive.

I live in an area with many swamps, and rivers, not being able to fog would let the mosquitoes get out of control. Mosquitoes are a bad enough problem as it is before taking away fogging. The people in my area enjoy the outdoors; there are many barbeques, campfires, camping, fishing, and many other activities. With the mosquitoes out of control these activities would be unbearable. The outdoor life in our district would be ruined.

If the mosquitoes around our area ever got a disease that would spread, we would have to live with it for the rest of the season. A disease going through the community would be devastating. West Nile virus almost has no symptoms, most people who have it don't even know they have it. Disease would be a terrible problem that could have been prevented by just fogging.

I highly suggest for my community that the new permit should have the wording changed so fogging is allowed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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