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If the Washington State Department of Ecology imposes the new permit on Mosquito Control Districts in Washington State---as written--- it will drastically change our quality of life.

All of our outdoor activities would be intolerable because of mosquitoes. The permit as written would put all families, the local wildlife, and livestock in this area at a much greater risk of contracting a mosquito-borne disease such as West Nile Virus or Encephalitis. It does not make sense to change control strategies from a proactive control program to a reactive control program.

Please consider the following: (1) Do not separate nuisance and vector mosquitoes, as both need to be controlled; (2) eliminate the use of the term "waters of the state"; (3) change the current language to allow organized mosquito control districts under Chapter 17.28 RCW to adulticide to control vector and nuisance mosquitoes as listed in the districts' integrated Pest Management Plan; and (4) eliminate restrictions on Malathion and Nalid from the permit.

We support our Mosquito Control Districts. Excessive mosquitoes will impact our health, our quality of life, our use of parks and recreation facilities, will have an economic impact on our community, possibly causing qualified persons to be out of work.

We are originally from Minnesota and North Dakota. When the mosquitoes restricted our outdoor activities, we would light a smudge pot.