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To Whom It May Concern:

I live in Cowlitz County in the Kelso-Longview area. We have what is referred to as "nuisance mosquitoes" that become a big problem at certain times in the summer. I am a supporter of taking care of our environment and avoiding spraying waterways. However, the mosquito problem we experience once a year in late July-August, becomes a major detriment to outdoor activities. It affects livestock in our area, pets, and makes outdoor recreation and work very uncomfortable – even stressful! Some people are especially susceptible to mosquito bites – sometimes getting up to several dozen in a few minutes in the backyard. Although they do not all carry disease, they pose a threat to our dogs with heartworm and the horses in our areas by carrying Equine Encephalitis.

We encourage you to allow Cowlitz County to continue to do mosquito control by spraying nuisance mosquitos as well as those that spread disease. Also, please extend the comment period to allow citizens to have a more reasonable amount of time to respond. We are also concerned that there are no opportunities for public comment in our area. Please schedule one and take the time to notify us when and where it will be held. Our voices in Cowlitz County also should matter!

Please give this request your every consideration!

Sincerely yours,  
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