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Dear Mr. Jennings,

As you are probably inundated with emails and letters about the proposed Mosquito control permitting process, I will try to make this as brief as possible and I hope to raise a few issues that may not have been considered.

As a resident of Benton County at 174306 W. Byron Rd. Prosser WA, I am deeply concerned that the proposed permitting process for spraying mosquito adulticide on or near "waters of the state" will negatively affect my quality of life and my family's health. I live near the Benton/Yakima county line on the south side of the Yakima River very near the Byron Ponds recreation area. That entire area is filled with stagnant water and is an ideal breeding ground for Mosquitoes. I certainly hope that there will continue to be a great deal of spraying in that area and that those small ponds are not to be considered "waters of the state" The state has created the problem in that area - to not spray would be nearly criminal.

If there are other, equally effective, ways to control nuisance mosquitoes and adult mosquitoes that may be carrying virus' then by all means explore them... but do not leave residents to the mercy of the mosquitoes without having other control mechanisms tested and in place. The Mosquito abatement property tax is the one tax I am very glad to pay. In fact, multiply it by 10, and I and everyone I know am still happy to pay it - as long as the money goes directly to getting rid of mosquitoes.

I certainly hope that the potentially large and negative health, tourism, and quality of life impacts are given utmost priority as this new policy is being considered.

Best Wishes,

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