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I am writing in response to an email I received concerning the Washington State Department of Ecology rewriting the permit for Mosquito Control Districts in Washington State. I would strongly disagree with any change to the Districts' current method of operation. Their proactive approach to mosquito control is a major factor in the health and wellbeing of people and animals in the State, especially those of us living near any body of water. I am including a portion of the email I received, as I too am concerned about these issues:

Comments that Need to be Addressed

1. Do not separate nuisance and vector mosquitoes, 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.
4. Eliminate Malathion and Nalid restrictions from the permit.
5. Let them know that you support mosquito control districts. Excessive mosquitoes will impact your health, quality of life, use of parks, recreation and an economic impact on our community.

As a long time resident of the Mid Columbia, I am concerned that we would be inundated with mosquitoes every evening when the sun goes down. Why would the Dept. of Ecology want to expose us to the annoyance and hazards of mosquitoes – everywhere. There must be a safe and compliant method to keep mosquitoes out of our backyards and water ways to protect ourselves and our animals and still conform to Ecological needs.

Our lifestyle is one of the great outdoors, that's what we expect to be able to enjoy, in our private lives and recreational activities. Also our economy would suffer greatly, what kind of tourist would pay for a vacation to be spent in the mosquito capitol of the Northwest? Please don't let the wording of this new permit take our lifestyle from us.

Thank you
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