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Attn: Jon Jennings, Mosquito Control Permit Comment, Dept. of Ecology Water Quality Program:

I read in our local Yakima Herald-Republic newspaper about proposed regulations banning spraying of insecticides targeting adult mosquitoes near rivers, ponds, and lakes.

Have cost-benefit analyses been done that take into account not only fish but also humans?

I am concerned about potential increases in West Nile virus deaths and illnesses in humans (and also horses and birds) and also quality of life issues if the mosquito populations are allowed to increase.

I live within a Mosquito Control District in Terrace Heights next to Yakima, WA. I have noticed some increase in the mosquito population in recent years. They used to "fog" down our street at dusk during the summer periodically, but I don't know if they do that any more. I suppose there may be health hazards to humans also from the fogging.

Have studies been done that analyze the effects of spraying insecticides near fish?

Please allow local mosquito control districts to make the determination regarding spraying of insecticides. And look at all of the potential costs to humans before putting the fish in a position of greater importance than humans.

Sincerely,

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