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My name is LaDell Yada, I live at 631 Edgewater Lane, Moses Lake, WA 98837 My phone # is 509-765-1565. My family and I have lived in Moses Lake since 1973 having moved here Spokane WA. My wife and I have adult children and grandchildren that live in the Columbia Basin. We have come to enjoy this community and all it has to offer including comfortable outdoor activities throughout the summer and for the most part freedom from nuisance and disease carrying mosquitoes!

I feel the Grant County Mosquito Control District should be allowed to continue spraying for adult mosquitoes wherever they can be found and even if that is near or on water. The protection of the people of our district from disease and discomfort is far more important than succumbing to the whims of a government agency and their interpretation of rules and regulations!

I feel the proposed "draft" permit as written is flawed in part for the following reasons:

1. The Washington State legislature allows the people of Washington State to control mosquito populations within the boundaries of respective districts. (RCW 17.28) They are locally funded and have local folks controlling and operating these districts. They have a defined mission and are expected to fulfill it!

2. I am not aware that proof exists that mosquito districts fall under the auspices of the Clean Water Act and its myriad of requirements. The amount of products used and the frequency of application on an annual basis is quite minimal.

Where does it say that mosquito districts fall under the control and direction of the Clean Water Act?

3. I am not aware of any scientific evidence or study that show that the adulticide used to kill adult mosquitoes are harmful to fish or other aquatic life. Mr. Moore was quoted in at the public hearing in Moses Lake on March 9 that that a "study" was made from waters in Moses Lake but that he wasn't familiar with the results.

How can a decision be made on adult pesticide application, that has so much at stake for people of Washington state, without proven knowledge of the products alleged harmful effects?

On March 9, 2010 in Moses Lake you heard testimony from two victims of the West Nile disease. You heard what they and their families experienced, in regards to quality of life

issues, economic hardships and the very fact if they would ever lead normal lives again. We can and must do everything possible that this doesn't happen to anyone else. If I may quote my 18 year old Granddaughter, if I give up a few fish and save human lives by spraying for adult mosquitoes, then I am all for it.

In conclusion,

Washington State RCW 17.28.160 clearly states under item one of the powers of the district:

A mosquito district organized under this chapter may take all necessary or proper steps for the extermination of mosquitoes.

This is pretty clear to me that mosquito districts in Washington have a clear cut responsibility and should be allowed to act accordingly!

Respectively submitted,

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