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August 17, 2012

Margaret Pilaro Barrette, Executive Director
Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers
120 State Street NE #142
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Ms. Barrette:

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I am writing to the Association of Shellfish Growers to ask for a representative to be a part of the Delegate's Table. This rule effort is fairly complex and we anticipate taking at least a year to work through the issues. Therefore, we ask that your representative be able to commit to a year-long engagement with an anticipated schedule of meeting every six weeks.

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Sincerely,

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Janette Brimmer
Earthjustice
705 Second Ave., Suite 203
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Brimmer

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I am writing to ask for a representative to be a part of the Delegate's Table. This rule effort is fairly complex and we anticipate taking at least a year to work through the issues. Therefore, we ask that your representative be able to commit to a year-long engagement with an anticipated schedule of meeting every six weeks. In addition to asking you for a representative, Nina Bell from Northwest Environmental Advocates is also being asked to participate in this process.

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cc: Brett VandenHeuvel, Columbia Riverkeeper





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Dan Parnel, President
Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association
PO Box 3536
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Mr. Parnel:

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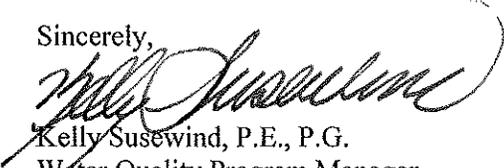
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John Stuhlmiller
Director of Governmental Relations
Washington Farm Bureau
PO Box 8690
Lacey, WA 98509

Dear Mr. Stuhlmiller:

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I am writing to the Farm Bureau to ask for a representative to be a part of the Delegate's Table. This rule effort is fairly complex and we anticipate taking at least a year to work through the issues. Therefore, we ask that your representative be able to commit to a year-long engagement with an anticipated schedule of meeting every six weeks.

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Dave Williams
Association of Washington Cities
1076 Franklin Street, SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Mr. Williams:

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I am writing to the Association of Cities to ask for two representatives to be a part of the Delegate's Table. This rule effort is fairly complex and we anticipate taking at least a year to work through the issues. Therefore, we ask that your representatives be able to commit to a year-long engagement with an anticipated schedule of meeting every six weeks. This rule is important to the counties that are responsible for operating municipal treatment plant facilities, as well as municipalities that are developing stormwater programs.

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Michael Bussell, Director
Office of Water and Watersheds,
US EPA Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Bussell:

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I am writing to ask for EPA representatives to be technical resources to us and the Delegate's Table. We would like to have Mathew Szelag's assistance with the Water Quality standards/Clean Water Act requirements. In Melissa's conversations with Matt and Angela, it sounds like that will be able to happen. Also, I know that Lon Kissinger is not in your area, but with the work he is doing in Idaho and the conversations we expect to occur, the assistance of Lon is critical for furthering this conversation and decisions that need to be made.

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We appreciate your help, as well as help from your staff. Melissa also walked Angela through some specific financial resource "asks". Anything you can provide would be greatly appreciated. I appreciate any miracles you can work.

Sincerely,

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Nina Bell, Executive Director
Northwest Environmental Advocates
PO Box 12187
Portland, OR 97212-0187

Dear Ms. Bell:

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I am writing to ask you to be a part of the Delegate's Table. This rule effort is fairly complex and we anticipate taking at least a year to work through the issues. Therefore, we ask that you or your representative be able to commit to a year-long engagement with an anticipated schedule of meeting every six weeks. In addition to asking you to participate, we have also asked Earth Justice who is representing the Washington Riverkeepers for a participant.

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We appreciate your consideration of participation in this process. Please let me know if you will be able to participate in this process. I can be reached at 360-407-6405.

Sincerely,

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Gary Chandler
Association of Washington Business
PO Box 658
Olympia, WA 98507

Dear Mr. Chandler:

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I am writing to the Association of Washington Business to ask for four representatives to be a part of the Delegate's Table. This rule effort is fairly complex and we anticipate taking at least a year to work through the issues. Therefore, we ask that your representatives be able to commit to a year-long engagement with an anticipated schedule of meeting every six weeks.

I know this is your decision and you will have many members interested, but I would like to offer that Ken Johnson has been particularly helpful on the Implementation Tools Rule. Also, the letter that you sent to us last spring was clearly written by somebody with good knowledge of the issues and the Clean Water Act. I am not sure if that was Ken's assistance, but that type of knowledge would be very helpful at this table.

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cc: Ken Johnson, Weyerhaeuser Company



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Scott Merriman, Deputy Director
Washington Association of Counties
206 Tenth Avenue SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Mr. Merriman:

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I am writing to the Association of Counties to ask for two representatives to be a part of the Delegate's Table. This rule effort is fairly complex and we anticipate taking at least a year to work through the issues. Therefore, we ask that your representatives be able to commit to a year-long engagement with an anticipated schedule of meeting every six weeks. This rule is important to the counties that are responsible for operating municipal treatment plant facilities, as well as municipalities developing stormwater programs.

Two potential representatives are Betsy Cooper and Spokane County. Betsy Cooper, from King County, is an active participant of our Water Quality Partnership and has been actively engaged with us on the implementation tools rule-making. Spokane County has also been engaged in addressing toxics issues and understands the significance of the Human Health Criteria adoption as well as the implementation tools rule-making. That being said, I understand this will be important to many of your members and you will need to determine the best way to represent their interests.



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cc: Betsy Cooper, King County Department of Natural Resources