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Ann Wessel
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RE: Comments on the water management rule for the Dungeness watershed, east WRIA 18

Ms. Wessel,

The Point No Point Treaty Council (PNPTC) supports the adoption of the proposed water resource management rule for the eastern portion of WRIA 18, the Dungeness watershed. The PNPTC urges the Department of Ecology to adopt, implement and enforce the proposed rule.

Water is a precious resource. Water is a limited resource. Water is a public resource. Water is critical and essential to the Tribes' right to fish, hunt and gather in the Dungeness watershed as reserved by treaty. We must be wise and we must make choices as we strive to balance the use of available water in the Dungeness watershed. The proposed rule achieves a good balance.

The PNPTC appreciates the comprehensive work done by Department of Ecology staff and the collaborative efforts of policy representatives from all entities involved in the rule development. The proposed rule will begin the process of managing the public's water in the Dungeness watershed for the benefit of people, fish, and wildlife.

Please contact me by phone (360 731-7980) or by email (tjohnson@pnptc.org) if you have any comments, questions, or need more information.

Sincerely,

Thom H. Johnson
PNPTC Environmental Program Manager