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To: Wessel, Ann (ECY)
Subject: Instream flow rule for the Dungeness River

We strongly support adoption of an instream flow rule for the Dungeness River (and all rivers and streams minimum flows) in WA. State. This river has for many years needed these protections to keep water in the Dungeness sustainable for both people and for fish and wildlife. However, we are concerned that the proposed rule fails to adequately protect the Dungeness River by creating "reservations" for future new uses that will keep the water levels below the minimum flows set in the rule to sustain fish and the river itself. We strongly urge Ecology to adopt the rule but not the proposed reservations for future use until we know the minimum flow amounts will be met. I must also mention that I am sure you are aware of that many species of which are on the endangered species list reside within the waters of the Dungeness River. The state must under "The Endanger Species Act" maintain these minimum flows to meet the acts minimum standards under Federal law.

We look forward to seeing Dept. of Ecology meeting your public trust obligations in adopting this rule into law.

Sincerely,
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