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RE: **Testimony For Setting The In Stream Flow Rules**

On behalf of the Olympic Environmental Council, I wish to lend my support and approval for the in stream flow rules for the streams in WRIA 17. We are pleased that the streams in WRIA 17 are finally getting their own water rights, a right long over due.

Once the minimum in stream flow numbers are set, Jefferson County's competing interests are going to have come up with viable solutions based on real rather than perceived needs. The Department of Ecology cannot do this for us, but you are a valuable catalyst and partner.

Thank you for your diligent hard work. It is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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