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Ecology should stop pursuing the 401 permits. Requiring these federal dams to meet WA State environmental requirements will not only open up these dams to additional lawsuits but also cost taxpayers. It is only a matter of time before the state of WA will sue USACE and the Bureau for perceived clean water violations, forcing them to build unnecessary facilities in an effort to be in compliance. These federal dams also serve other states and should not have to meet additional requirements to suit the State of Washington. The Columbia and Snake River are working rivers and additional regulations will make that increasingly difficult.