Rolf Haugen

I don't agree with the rule in the way it is being written.

First I think that the instream flows are too high. There are very few days during the summer months that we ever meet the minimum flows.

I don't believe that domestic will have any affect on the instream flow. Most house holds put more water back into the water supply than they take out. Also water that is used to water plants or lawns is not all being removed from the water supply for that area. A large percentage of this water goes back to the aquafer

Also we should give credit for all the houses that are on Water association that are using already permitted water. These house are putting a large amount of water back in to the area where they are located and these are in the same water sheds that new exempt wells are being drilled. I think that one of the largest users of water that is affecting stream flow in all of are small tributaries in the the vegitation that has been planted for the crep program. There is a lot of research that has been done on how much water these trees that are being planted along our creeks are using. Compared to farm crops or grass the amount of water being used by these trees (over 1 million) is more that the net loss from all domestic wills.

Please rethink the rules that you are suggesting and look at the science of the whole watershed not just picking on domestic well which we all know has a very small if any affect.

I believe that our salmon low return numbers are due to over fishing in the open water by commercial fishing and the Tribes over fishing our river. It is all the people of the states river not just the Tribes river. Also we have to many protected preditors eating the Salmon