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Please find below my comments on the WRIA 1 173-501 amendment.

Having personally attended planning unit meets and watched the "parallel process" of the Watershed Management Board that usurped the original intent and power of the Planning Unit, I have been quite disappointed overall with letting the City of Bellingham and the tribes control rural Whatcom county water issues.

As far as the science is concerned, AES, courtesy of Chuck Lindsay, reported in a technical memorandum to Gary Stoyka of Whatcom County on June 17, 2017, and is quoted below:

"Even in areas of the proposed numerical model with high data density, and good calibration data (Bertrand Creek drainage), the extremely conservative estimate of maximum potential impact to surface water from the use of 100 permit-exempt wells will be significantly less than the lowest possible streamflow measurement error that will be used to calibrate the model. The more realistic potential impact of 0.027 afd is less than 6% of the potential error associated with the streamflow measurement data. Therefore, any simulated predicted impact to the stream based on this scenario would be statistically insignificant and not defensible."

Have also attended the Lynden meeting and met you and Frank Pacheco, I was disturbed that Ecology sent someone (Frank) who stated to me that he had very little familiarity with this WRIA.

Your conversation with me consisted of what my professors in math and science used to call "hand-waving".

I am looking forward to an amendment to this rule making.

Sincerely,

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