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As a lifetime resident of Whatcom County, I feel there is no reason to decrease the allowable maximum of 5,000 gallons per day on private wells. We have more than ample ground water in the county aquifers and current county development restrictions have put an adequate cap on water usage. The only reason for adding restrictions is for control, and that is not necessary. If there is a long term shortage of water flow in the Nooksack river, then the city of Bellingham should be forced to pump its treated waste water to the Nooksack river. They can pump it to lake Whatcom and then pump from the south end of the lake to the river. Any water used at my house is treated and discharged to the Kelly road ditch and eventually makes its way to the Nooksack river. Any excess water I pull from my well essentially increases flows in Anderson creek and the Nooksack river. Leaving it in the aquifer will not increase flows for salmon. Technically, the government should pay me to run a garden hose to the ditch(which is regulated as a salmon stream) and utilize my full 5,000 gallon allotment during the summer months. Thank you.