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Dear Sirs and Madams

I am writing to comment on the proposed limitations on private well owners in Whatcom County. As a private well owner I am concerned about how these limitation will affect our daily lives.

I specifically bought property in rural Whatcom County so that I could enjoy space and have my children grow up playing and enjoying the outdoors, and to learn where our food comes from by planting and growing a garden and raising small animals.

The limitations proposed would inhibit our ability to do these things once the daily tasks of dishes, laundry, bathing, etc. have been completed for the day. Let alone if they wanted to play in the sprinkler, slip 'n slide, or swim on a warm summer day. If these limitations are set I would be fined if the children went over the daily limit of water enjoying these activities?

Further, to point out the obvious, most private well owners are also hooked to private septic systems for their waste water. So essentially all the water used in a home throughout a day returns into the ground water, along with that to water used for watering vegetation. So how can this be taking water away from the fish if it is returning back into the system? I suppose in order to explain this, new science will be to be taught to our children regarding the water cycle.

Please reconsider this proposed limitation and let our Whatcom County families enjoy their properties and rural lifestyles.

Regards,

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