

James E. Tuck

Dear Mr. Schmidt,

I am writing on behalf of myself as a community member of Spokane and concerned citizen on the water quality of the Spokane River. I have recreated on the river for over fifteen years in the form of angling, canoeing/kayaking/SUP, as well as hiking and trail running. Over the years I have witnessed progress in cleaning up the river from efforts by non-profit groups, city officials, and to a minor extent Washington State and the Federal Government due to regulatory oversight. More needs to be done and the big polluters need to be held accountable by government entities; most importantly the Department of Ecology. It is unconscionable that more isn't being done to protect the Spokane River from industries such as Kaiser Aluminum. The federal CWA charge is to work towards establishing WQS that support aquatic life criteria. I am asking that a longer comment period be given from the current 30 day window to a 60 day window. In additionally I am requesting that a public hearing is scheduled so that we can learn how Kaiser intends to clean up the pollution/discharge site and the impacts this pollution is having on the river and fish. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James E. Tuck