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Until clear transparency has been demonstrated and the costs and benefits of the proposed action have been provided, any new designations for Type III waters should be postponed.

Presently, there is a lack of sufficient water quality data to support the designations and the costs - benefits of the proposal are unclear. Also, the lack of adequate public input is troubling. We urge the Department of Ecology to pause the rulemaking, conduct a thorough and transparent analysis of site-specific data, and consider public input to ensure benefits outweigh costs.