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I very much hope that the proposed regulation to name the Green, Cascade and Napeequa Rivers as Outstanding Resource Waters is adopted, and that many more of our rivers may in future be so recognized and protected. The environment is the fundament of our lives, of the quality and beauty and very possibility of our lives, and yet historically as a nation we have failed to act to support its health, viability and vitality, especially when it is seen to be in conflict with the interests of commerce and profit. We have witnessed the pollution and degradation of important bodies of water in other states in our country; fortunately, I believe, the citizens of Washington State recognize that the gifts of our beautiful region all begin with water and value our abundant waters as paramount resources to be protected and cherished. I urge you to adopt this very enlightened resolution. Thank you for your kind attention to my concerns.