

North Cascades Audubon Society

On behalf of the members of North Cascades Audubon Society I am commenting on the Cascade River Water Quality Standards Review pursuant to WAC 173-201A.

Even though the Cascade River is in Skagit County, and ultimately flows into the Skagit River, it is all part of a critical enhancement of the north Salish Sea marine environment. Continued protection of this important tributary dovetails with all the salmon enhancement efforts being undertaken on the rivers and streams in both Whatcom and Skagit counties and ultimately improves the regional riparian environment that greatly benefits the same birds, salmon and other wildlife that are needed to maintain the health of the Salish Sea in our area, and which supports the Whatcom County based fishery industry and all those jobs and economic benefits. It's 100% positive for the Salish sea marine environment and for all of the residents of Whatcom county.

We encourage you to do all that is necessary to protect and enhance the natural riparian systems of the Cascade River and to complete the mandated rule making without delay.

Thank you.

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