

Mike McGivern

"Dear Washington Department of Ecology, Washington's rivers, streams, and wetlands supply drinking water to residents across the state, sustain wildlife habitat, and provide an economic boost to local communities. As a Washingtonian, I want to see the state's precious freshwater resources safeguarded. Washington's waters are under increasing threat as the climate warms and the population grows, placing greater stress and demand on freshwater resources. Now is the time to protect some of the state's most outstanding waters and prevent degradation of stretches of rivers, streams, wetlands and other freshwater bodies with high water quality or other unique characteristics. I urge Ecology to designate the Cascade, Green, and Napeequa river systems as the state's first Outstanding Resource Waters so that Washingtonians and our visitors can enjoy these waters now and for generations to come. The Green has special significance to me because I have spend many hours and days fishing the Green. It's been recently designated a wild steelhead only river unlike the past. This decision is a compliment to designating the Green as an Outstanding Resource Water. In addition it is sparsely developed and a great example of a protected watershed in terms of beauty. Thank you in advance for designating these rivers as ORW. Sincerely, Mike McGivern
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