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To Rule Makers

Ecology's recent history of misapplying regulatory standards casts a shadow over this new action. Ecology has recently been misusing its "Tier II" regulation to prevent measurable change in waters that are meeting state standards. Ecology's expanded use of Tier III designations could essentially prevent human activity in large portions of the state from headwaters to the ocean without any express approval by the Legislature, demonstrable benefit for water quality and without demonstrated support in affected communities.

I remember when waters in the Olympic National Park were identified as impaired by the agency when they were entirely natural. Similar streams commercial forest land were also listed with the same temperatures. When this was pointed out the agency simply removed the park streams but still listed the streams in forest lands ignoring the obviously inappropriate standards being applied.

Once again we find the agency over reaching its regulatory authority most often at the expense of our rural communities and citizens.

I oppose these actions by the agency.  
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