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Greetings:

I strongly oppose the proposed changes to Type III waters, especially the Cascade River. As a resident of Skagit County with property along the upper Skagit River I believe the rules proposed are overly broad and do not take into account local concerns. Specifically:

Ecology is not being transparent.

Ecology has not demonstrated a clear benefit.

Ecology has not revealed the economic costs to the community.

Ecology has not revealed the environmental impacts.

The rules are not necessary and are an over reach by Ecology.

I urge the proposed rules NOT be adopted. If Ecology wants to continue exploring Type III designation for the Cascade River, then they need to address the concerns I listed above.

Thank you.

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