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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Ecology's Natural Conditions Proposed Rule.

First and foremost, I remind Ecology that under Chapter 90.48 of the Revised Code of Washington, "...it is the public policy of the state of Washington to maintain the highest possible standards to insure the purity of all waters of the state consistent with public health and public enjoyment thereof, the propagation and protection of wild life, birds, game, fish and other aquatic life, and the industrial development of the state...." Under no circumstances should Ecology weaken the state water quality standards for dissolved oxygen or temperature, which are both critical to the survival and future of salmon and other aquatic life.