

City of Hoquaim

Ecology needs to review water quality during the storm seasons in addition to the pristine months where water is crystal clear and flowing smoothly like the picture in your promotional e-mail. As we have seen over the past week, when we get intensive rains our rivers and streams turn dark brown for all of the sediments that was into the streams. This sediment is a naturally occurrence that will happen regardless of any recent logging, farms or manmade activities. When Ecology establishes standards for stream conditions, we also need to remember the conditions our streams face in the winter so that we are not creating overly burdensome regulations beyond what we see caused by natural events.