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The Department of Ecology proposed regulatory changes appear to infringe on property rights in a way never intended by the federal Clean Water Act. Given these infringements were developed behind closed doors over a two year period, the comment period should be longer. Therefore, please extend the end of the comment period to October 29, 2025.

As these regulatory changes will unduly burden Washington agriculture, particularly the smaller farms that compose a significant percentage of state agriculture, and the scientific basis for the regulations is ambiguous at best, the intent behind the changes appears to be based on an animus toward the agriculture community.

Please restrict our state's implementation of the Clean Water Act to comport with objective science versus making a specious argument based on non-point pollution that infringes on property rights.

Thank you.