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I have a number of concerns about this plan, but this comment is going to focus on one problem: This plan was developed behind closed doors with Tribes and other government agencies for TWO years before the June rollout. This is clearly documented in your slide presentation.

Stake holders in Agriculture and other groups have been completely excluded the development of rules which will directly impact the use of their property and possibly the property owner's livelihood. This lack of transparency is unacceptable.

For the process to be fair, other stakeholder groups need at least a year to review the rule, provide relevant scientific data, and have multiple collaborative meetings with Ecology, in order to provide meaningful feedback on this rule.

Please extend the time allowed for submitting comments, and please schedule meetings with any stakeholder group that would like to have a seat at the rulemaking table. Thank you.