

Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District (Darin Janda)

Plan to Control Nonpoint Sources of Pollution

(Draft)

Comments

1. Page 7, Land use and Nonpoint Source Pollution, Urban/Suburban Areas- “residential use of fertilizers and pesticides”.

Comments: I feel that Ecology has an opportunity for a new revenue source that can directly help nutrient loadings for the Puget Sound, state rivers and lakes. There should be a proposed tax on all non-commercial (no farmers) chemical fertilizers in WA State. This tax should be based on the nitrogen, ammonia and phosphorus contained in the product and the amount, in lbs. purchased. This tax should exclude compost and biosolids as they are not classified as chemical fertilizers and are slow release. The tax should be set aside for Ecology.

When a person can walk into a hardware store, purchase any amount of chemical fertilizer and have a large effect on Puget Sound, rivers or lakes with the runoff, a tax would be appropriate.