

# Washington Farm Forestry Association (Ken Miller)

Hello this is Ken Miller Washington, Farm Forestry Association.

When the governed don't have understanding or buy in they logically conclude this is simply about bureaucratic power with no connection to solving any real problems.

No resource, functional problems, or even alleged in the NP current NP proposal. I do acknowledge a lot of personal confidence in Chris Briggs and his appreciate his hand in trying to at least partially correct the overreach of earlier Tier 2 analysis.

I'm also sympathetic to the Forest practice board member David Bowen having inherited an issue made much worse than it should have been by the previous Ecology folks. You must find a way to backtrack if only to salvage some credibility for DOE.

Tier II language is complicated and bureaucratic but the issues are simple. The draft NP rule was limited by and now acknowledged to have been developed under false instructions to the expert panel and the Forest Practice Board members, exposing DOE and the Forest Practice Board to malpractice at the minimum without at least a do over.

The CMER science isn't new or unexpected nor unanticipated in the federal HCP biological opinion where some limited temporary warming was expected.

DOE was intimately involved in supportive of the 1987 TFW agreement, through at least the HCP process where everyone at the table was compromising and as necessary and in overriding public interest in a shared risk paradigm. The only change appears to be a change of heart by at least the previous administration at Ecology.

Ecology once had all TFW policy caucuses supporting efforts to provide more NP shade, a consensus that likely won't survive hardliner interpretations of Tier II.

The most important question Ecology should be asking is

will alienating or betraying forest and fish partners help or hurt long term goals to better protect cool water.

The old older and larger small forest land-owners are now considering the legacy of their forest lands. They are increasingly deciding they have had it enough with this one-way street purporting to be a collaborative and balanced goal called forest and fish.

Reject this flawed analysis that is ultimately counterproductive to the Ecology interests and a betrayal of forest and fish. Thank you.

Yeah this Ken Miller just a process deal for those of us that don't do this regularly and even those that do this regularly it would have been helpful if you'd spelled out the ground rules of the time limits and that kind of stuff well before the meeting.

Kind of threw me for a loop I had like almost 4 minutes and had to cut it short and.

Thea:

Would you like to use more time now?

Ken:

No I had to I I scattered that but just for the future suggestion for the future.