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The notion that wells for domestic home use could have any measurable impact on stream flow of the Nooksack River makes absolutely no sense bordering on absurd. Where is the justification for imposition of such onerous restrictions upon the citizens of Whatcom County? Rural domestic well owners are not like large municipal or industrial entities which remove enormous amounts of water from the ground and divert it away from the river. Virtually all water removed via wells for home use is returned directly to the ground above from where it was taken only to return to recharge the aquifer from which it was removed..

It is utterly irresponsible to restrict citizen's right to water on their own property without valid and provable reasons. There appears to be absolutely none that show any impact of private domestic wells on the stream flow of the Nooksack River. The legislated amount of 3000 gpd is probably satisfactory for most home owners but the also proposed 500 gpd and unacceptable.

We used to be the land of the free but what freedoms we have are being rapidly eroded with the imposition of unreasonable, unsubstantiated and unjustified actions as proposed here.