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I have no comments on the forms and the instructions; they seem clear and understandable.

I do have a comment on what is NOT included in the forms - tribal treaty rights.

How will the two local tribes, Lummi Nation and Nooksack Indian Tribe, file their water right claims with Ecology? In particular, what documentation will Ecology require from the Tribes and/or the federal government concerning instream flows needed to support salmon and other wildlife? Ecology has been consistently silent on this critically important issue. The two Tribes have the most senior water rights and likely also have the largest water rights in WRIA 1.