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Thank you

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Public Input to SMP Update - Tribal Adoption of SMP Update 6/1/11

The DoE's and Ruling Political Party's posture in respect to the Tribes, the environment, and the SMP Update is telling. (A weak but valid argument could be made that the SMP Update is a partisan overreaching land use policy.) The Tribes make up less than 2% of the citizens of Clallam County. On the SMP Update Advisory Committee (and most other land use committees) the Tribal representatives make up well over 2% yet are exempt from the regulations/policy. Most of the Tribal representatives are also on a payroll for their committee participation while the other citizens are overwhelmingly volunteers. (There are some paid governmental-agency representatives on the committee who arguably do not represent the interests of the general public of Clallam County.)

If the SMP Updates were about protecting the environment and serving the best interests of the citizens of the 'First People's Nation' it would be in the Tribes' best interest to adopt them. The Tribes are exempt from the NNL Policy, the shoreline setbacks and buffers, as well as the trespass/public access policies. It is extremely unlikely the Tribes will adopt the SMP Update regulations with good cause. Fundamentally, the DoE's SMP Update regulations/policies are not about ecology and the environment but about governmental taking of private property rights from the County's citizens. To compound this arguably Unconstitutional policy it is being imposed along racial lines. Using racial discrimination to impose a land use policy is uncontrovertibly Unconstitutional. If the Tribes are unwilling to adopt the new DoE recommended SMP Update policies, they should not be adopted for all other Clallam County Citizens.

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