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**Since the beginning of mankind, man has primarily lived along the shoreline; whether it was the sea, the straits, islands, archipelagos, rivers, streams, or lakes. One way or another mans wealth and sustenance arise from the land. Most of our food is grown or grazed or gathered from the shores, near shore, lowlands, plains, and flood plains. The flood plains have always been the most productive areas. The SMA/SMP and the WRIA processes are a means of locking up, transferring ownership to the State, and regulating the use of these areas/preventing private economic and other beneficial use of these prime areas.**

I have attended hours of data review in preparation for the WRIA 19 Conservation Plan. I have a few comments and observations. The first group of meetings was about marine drift cells within the reaches. A separate 'Public Comment' will be submitted on that issue.

On 7/28/11 the meeting was a review of extensive data on the river, stream, and waterways of the Peninsula in WRIA 19. The focus was on the brood salmon census/utilization in the waterway reaches and the surrounding flood plains, with emphasis on the flood plains. The data manipulation and collection were monumental. Huge numbers of hours and our limited tax resources were expended to support these efforts. Dedicated public employees have compiled this gargantuan project. My concern is not about the public employees it is about the plans, strategies, implications, implementation, focus, and predictable outcomes.

This whole process seems extremely problematic. The process is either a diabolically clever masterpiece or poorly conceived waste of public funds. **The people paying for this work the taxpayers, seem to lack proper representation.** My speculation is this mundane data collection and resultant policies will profoundly affect the private property owners, the guys paying the bills. On it's face the plan seems all about the salmon. The number of salmon involved are very very small making the research statistically difficult to reproduce. Reproducibility and prediction are measures of the validity/invalidity. The significance of any finds are suspect. Despite this pretext of this data collection being about salmon with the land and land use incidental to the study; the premier issue is the land and future land use. **If this were about the endangered and artificially depressed salmon stocks more attention would be given to factors directly impacting the salmon brood stock.** In fact and in reality the

nylon predation of the salmon brood stock as it enters the waterways is ignored. It is the law of the land that the Tribes can net the salmon brood stocks as they enter all of these waterways. The protected marine mammals and other predators cannot be and are not managed. Simple inexpensive interventions are not even considered or dismissed out of hand. In comparison this data collection has no beneficial affect on current runs and is far far more expensive.

Currently there is extremely limited or low use of the flood plains by human endeavors in the WRIA 19 area. Despite this lack of human activity salmon stocks are extremely low, far below carrying capacities. **Again this is not about the fish; this is about the government taking control over land use. Not management of land use but control of land use.**

The meetings have been interested in a odd way. Objectively review of a huge data collection was like reading the federal tax tables line by line. The fascinating part was watching the 'true believers' who were enraptured with working with this raw data. The job of saving the planet by this group (and hundreds like them) is consistent with a State sponsored religion. The doctrine of separation of religion and State is a prudent principle which this DoE and our elected officials need to observe.

Several times in the meeting the topic of large fish die-offs and kills created by the fickle actions and vagaries of nature were discussed. **Again it was very clear this process is about land management not optimizing the fish survival and propagation. The fish are incidental.**

The extremely large amount of data collected while interesting is a purposeful distraction and poor investment of the publics money. Overnight with one heavy rain, with one slide with one fallen tree, with breakup of an ice dam, with a log jam, with an earth quake, with a catastrophic forest fire all of the data or large parts can be rendered irrelevant. **The only thing certain about this data is without human intervention in ten years most of it will be irrelevant.**

If more fish were the answer there are many human interventions at a much lower price tag that would produce greatly increased fish stocks. **(It would seem great care is being exercised to ignore fundamentals and inexpensive steps that would increase salmon stocks. See Pat Neal's "Hatchery fish better than none at all" in the 8/31/11 article in the Peninsula Daily News page A9. ) Again this is not about fish. This is about rewilding the Peninsula. This is about global control of lands by government and taking away the utilization of land from humans. (See UN Agenda 21 or Google: "TakingLiberty - How private property rights are being abolished".)**

Despite the tremendous waste of resources of the government, this whole issue needs to go back to the drawing board and be reviewed. Although these have technically been 'public meetings', this is a tightly controlled process with a predetermined outcome.

This convoluted over-reaching serepticous process of transfer of property rights from the citizens to the State and the Rewilding of the Peninsula should be exposed and identified for what it really is. The DoE leadership need to be turned out, this squandering of public revenue

halted, and the perversion of the SMA/SMP WRIA processes reexamined. We need elected leaders, public servants, who are acting on the behalf of the Citizens and the State Constitutionally principles of protections.

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