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Clallam County SMP Public comment
SMP New wording "Associated Wetlands"
AND, the NEW WA State Wetland Plan?
Jan. 9, 2015
Pearl Rains Hewett

How will THE NEW WA State Wetland Plan? be used to further restrict and regulate the development and the use of private property, in conjunction with the "Associated Wetlands", that are etched in stone, in the Clallam County SMP Update Draft?

DO YOU HAVE CLALLAM COUNTY DESIGNATED WETLAND ON YOUR PRIVATE PROPERTY IN CLALLAM COUNTY?

Please take time to review the NEW strategic WETLAND program draft plan for Washington State.

[WA State Wetland Draft?](#)

Posted on [January 1, 2015 7:13 pm](#) by [Pearl Rains Hewett](#) *Comment*

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**IF YOU DOUBT THE SERIOUSNESS OF WETLAND'S OMISSION IN THE SMP MAPS PRESENTED IN PUBLIC FORUMS?
keep reading...**

Posted in [Shoreline Mgmt. Plan 07/14/11](#) Public Forum Per Consultant Jim Kramer, designated Wet Lands are NOT identified in the SMP presentation maps.

[Wet Lands are not identified on SMP presentation maps ...](#)

[citizenreview-clallamcounty.org/.../wet-lands-are-not-identified-on-smp-p...](#)

Sep 1, 2011 - If you doubt the seriousness of *wetland's* omission in the SMP *maps* presented in Public Forums go to the *Clallam County map website* of ...

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

07/14/11 Public Forum Per Consultant Jim Kramer, designated Wet Lands are NOT identified in the SMP presentation maps.

The purple areas identified in the SMP public forum Clallam County presentation maps as risk OR threat of development property areas are MISLEADING.

IF YOU DOUBT THE SERIOUSNESS OF WETLAND'S OMISSION IN THE SMP MAPS PRESENTED IN PUBLIC FORUMS go to the Clallam County map website of designated Wetland Maps and look at page 45 (Dungeness River area) and page 39 (area between Lake Farm Road and N Bagley Creek Road).

As described on Clallam County map website,

Parcels and wetlands are too small and numerous to label legibly at this scale, they are identified with tiny labels. To view wetland codes and large parcel numbers, you must zoom to at least 400%. To view small parcel labels, you must zoom to at least 1200%

Clallam County wetland maps are not interactive and in spite of the damning consequences of wetland designation to private property owners and developers these wetland maps are posted with Clallam County's disclaimer of accuracy.

Map information is from multiple sources, accuracy is limited and layers may not align with each other. This map is intended to serve only as a guide to the general location and extent of regulated wetlands, streams, geologic hazards, and wildlife habitat. Determination of actual regulatory location typically requires a field examination by qualified staff.

HOW COULD INACCURATE WETLAND MAPS AFFECT YOU?

EPA blocks Sacketts from building a house – and denies them their day in court

The Sacketts are renting, and they wanted to build a home on their half-acre lot, to raise a family.

Their parcel is in a residential area, with sewer and water hookups, and they got the needed local permits to build. But then EPA swooped in, without notice or hearings, and announced that the property is “wetlands.” The Sacketts were ordered to return their land to EPA’s liking on pain of ruinous fines.

The Sacketts dispute EPA's claim. They hired a soil expert and a biologist, and got a certification that their parcel is not a wetland.

But EPA – and the Ninth Circuit – say they can't challenge the agency in court!

Instead, they would first have to seek a "permit" costing hundreds of thousands of dollars (more than the value of the land!), and bring a legal case when the permit was denied. Or they could violate EPA's orders and be crushed with penalties of \$32,500-plus per day – and then seek court review.

Either way, the courtroom doors are slammed in their faces – unless they pay massive fees or fines!

So *this* is the crucial issue before the Supreme Court: Can EPA take people's property, simply by declaring it "wetlands," without having to justify their actions? Or do Americans still have the right to defend themselves and their property rights, in court, against government oppression?

"This case is garnering a lot of attention because it's a case that could happen to you," as Damien Schiff says. "The Sacketts are not big developers. They just wanted a family home."

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Invited SMP update committee member

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WHAT WA State Wetland Draft?

DRAFT WASHINGTON STATE WETLAND PROGRAM PLAN

Please send comments by December 31, 2014 to Susan Buis

DRAFT WASHINGTON STATE WETLAND PROGRAM PLAN

WHO WAS NOTIFIED ABOUT THIS WETLAND PLAN?

WHEN WAS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

HOW DID ECOLOGY NOTIFY THE PUBLIC?

I signed up for ECOLOGY'S WAC TRACK?

So I could keep track of what ECOLOGY was up to and participate with public comments.

SO... When did WA State Department of Ecology NOTIFY THE PUBLIC (that would be me) about THE DRAFT WASHINGTON STATE WETLAND PROGRAM PLAN, WHAT METHOD OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION DID ECOLOGY USE? NOT ECOLOGY'S WAC TRACK.

The bottom line

IF PUBLIC REVIEW is ACTUALLY an important step in improving this strategic wetland program plan for Washington State?

As a WA State vested private property owner, I am requesting an extension on the Public Comment period for THE DRAFT WASHINGTON STATE WETLAND PROGRAM PLAN.

GIVEN ADDITIONAL AND SUFFICIENT TIME TO REVIEW AND MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT,

I would be delighted TO REVIEW AND MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE DRAFT WASHINGTON STATE WETLAND PROGRAM PLAN.

[Behind My Back | We Need a New Public Notice Act](#)

www.behindmyback.org/2014/12/.../we-need-a-new-a-public-notice-act/

Dec 8, 2014 – WE NEED A NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION STRATEGY CASES IN ... to create a more stringent **public notification and participation process** by ...

My after the fact comment (Jan. 1, 2015)

"That any WA State property owner that lives *within 150 feet of a mud puddle* has a reason to be concerned," ...

My comment on Feb. 1, 2011

"That any type of property owner that lives *within 150 feet of a mud puddle* has a reason to be concerned," ...

[Clallam County shoreline update draws fears, criticism ...](#)

www.peninsuladailynews.com/.../news/.../clallam-c...

Feb 1, 2011 Peninsula Daily News

SO.... In 2013, the Department of Ecology received a [Wetland Program Development Grant](#) (WPDG), from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), to develop a statewide plan for wetlands of the state.

SO... The WA State Department of Ecology received taxpayers money to spend on this wetland draft?

INDEED, WE THE VESTED PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS NEED A NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION STRATEGY CASES IN ... to create a more stringent PUBLIC NOTIFICATION and participation process by ...

WOW.... State agencies involved in WETLAND MANAGEMENT collaborated on developing the plan. They also received input from tribal governments, local governments, and federal agencies.

SO.... EXACTLY HOW MANY PUBLIC COMMENTS, FROM VESTED PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS, DID WA State Department of Ecology receive ON THE DRAFT WASHINGTON STATE WETLAND PROGRAM PLAN?

WA State Department of Ecology also received input from local governments?

What input did WA State Department of Ecology receive from our elected Clallam County Commissioners' ON THE DRAFT WASHINGTON STATE WETLAND PROGRAM PLAN?

AFTER THE FACT CONTACT INFORMATION

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A [draft of the Wetland Program Plan](#) is now available for **PUBLIC REVIEW**

Thank you for your willingness TO REVIEW AND COMMENT on this draft.

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Background

In 2013, the Department of Ecology received a [Wetland Program Development Grant](#) (WPDG), from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), **to develop a statewide plan for wetlands of the state**. A [draft of the Wetland Program Plan](#) is now available for public review.

The WPP outlines what the state strives to accomplish regarding core elements of a wetland program. It is a comprehensive plan and, as a result, not all of it can be accomplished in the near future. Therefore, **AFTER THE COMMENT PERIOD**, decisions will be made regarding which actions identified in the WPP should receive **the state's focus over the next six years**.

State agencies involved in wetland management collaborated on developing the plan. They also received input from tribal governments, local governments, and federal agencies.

More information about the plan can be found within the document itself or on the [Wetland Program Plan webpage](#).

Informational webinar

Ecology will be hosting a webinar on December 10, 2014 at 6:30pm to answer any questions you may have about the Wetland Program Plan. To sign up for the webinar, contact Susan Buis (contact information below).

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4. Write a separate Word document in which you provide detailed comments or suggestions. Please indicate the section or page and paragraph to which your comment or suggestion applies.
5. Provide feedback on the [Core Element Action Tables \(PDF\)](#) by taking this [Survey Monkey survey](#).

Please send comments by December 31, 2014 to Susan Buis via email or postal mail at:

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