Recommended Course of Action

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The Situation
1. Ecology is on the fast track to close one or more watersheds by instituting a new rule (A new WAC a.k.a. Washington Administrative Code).
2. Through a new administrative policy, they intend to put a shadowy Non-Government-Organization (NGO) in charge of "water banking" and it looks like the NGO will make a lot of money exchanging water rights between individuals much like Goldman Sachs would be the go-between for the Cap-and-Trade scheme. There are no criteria for choosing the NGO and so far as we can tell no public disclosure requirements.
3. No doubt there are other problems with both #1 & #2 above. Go to www.OlympiaTeaParty.com (I'll be posting source information by Monday morning). If you want to be on our email update list contact us at olympiateaparty@gmail.com or call 360-923-1080.

The Plan  We have a four pronged approach as follows:

1. Write Ecology and complain (before the Aug 31 comment period ends)
   a) There has not been adequate time or accommodation for citizen input.
   b) Ask Ecology to extend the comment period through February 2011 and have more public meetings.
   b) No watershed in any proposed WAC should be closed - this is a premature move lacking respect for due process
   c) Find other things in their proposal(s) to complain about and give them as many reasons as possible.
2. File a Request for Review of Administrative Rule (Request for Review) with the JARRC committee (before Aug 31 if possible)
   a) We need as many groups and individuals across the state filing petitions
   b) One petition per issue. (There will be several issues per WAC proposal)
3. Legislative
   a) Ask your State Reps and Senator to write a letter of concern with both Ecology & JARRC
   b) Get your local Commissioner(s) to write a letter of concern with both Ecology and JARRC
   c) Ask friendly groups concerned about property rights or constitutional issues to write letters of concern AND/OR file their own Request of Review with JARRC.
4. Public Relations
   a) Letters to the editor
   b) Talk Radio
   c) Speak to other groups

I'm in contact (and others are in contact) with friendly legislators. If you have influence feel free to call your Rep or Senator or Commissioner and share your concerns.

Our first Goal is - put the brakes on Ecology and extend the comment period.
Our second Goal is - get involved in the process and make it honest, practical and positive for all concerned.

Good luck everyone. We don't have to over-organize this. All we have to do is personally take the initiative and push in the same direction. The cumulative effect will have great impact.

Yours truly,

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