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SENT VIA EMAIL

RE: Request for 60-day Comment Period for Spokane River DO TMDL

Dear Ms. Traeumer:

This letter is submitted on behalf of my client, the Sierra Club. It is my understanding that the Department of Ecology plans a 30-day comment period for the next draft of the Spokane River DO TMDL. As you know, my client has dedicated substantial resources toward the development of this TMDL and anticipates providing detailed comments to Ecology on the next draft. This undoubtedly will require a review of many of the technical aspects of the TMDL, such as the modeling conducted to support the TMDL. A 30-day comment period is insufficient a timeframe to allow detailed review by our expert consultants. Accordingly, Sierra Club requests that Ecology provide a longer comment period of at least 60-days to allow for full and meaningful public review and comment.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Rick Eichstaedt
Attorney for Sierra Club

cc: Ron Lavigne, Wa. AG's Office