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To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: Water Sustainability Act - Comments

I would like to have studied the whole document, but have only skimmed...My comments:

- Table 2, page 27: “adequate buffer” is a weak term and should be better defined (I’m hoping it is better defined elsewhere in the document). Also, “maintaining” threatened or endangered species is a poor target (if there’s 6 of something left on the planet, your target is only to “maintain” them?).
- Page 28: I like the idea of WSPs, but I do not believe you addressed the valid question about “...where the resources to prepare [WSPs] will come from...”. I agree that if this is left undefined (no funding mechanism), few WSPs will ever occur, particularly if the primary issue(s) requiring the WSP are environmental in nature.
- I support the concept of AWRs.
- Page 94: I agree with all points in “Individuals”.
- Page 97, top of page: Perhaps I missed it, but I did not see the “resulting EFN Policy” that provides a “transparent process” with tools that suit the level of risk...please advise where I find this.
- Lastly, I’ve heard in media that proposed fees to be charged companies bottling water in BC are inexplicably low. I could not find these fees to make my own evaluation – I could only find the current fee schedule. Please advise where to find these proposed rates.

Regards,

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