

Subject: Spokane River Instream Flow - Preliminary Draft Rule Available for Input and Open House Scheduled

Greetings WRAC members:

Thank you for your continued interest in protecting Spokane River flows.

The Spokane River is a valuable asset for the environment, the economy and people. The river provides habitat for fish and wildlife and opportunities for recreation while playing an important role for other uses such as wastewater management and hydropower.

In an effort to protect and preserve water levels in the [Spokane River](#) we are proposing a [preliminary draft rule](#) for the main stem of the river in Spokane County and a small portion of Stevens County.

The rule adoption process includes a robust public process and collaboration with the communities impacted by the rule. The public can provide input on the preliminary draft rule through an [online feedback system](#). These comments may be incorporated into proposed rule language but will not be addressed formally. A [formal public comment period and hearing](#) will be held later in the process.

We are also hosting an open house to explain the rule and answer questions from 4 to 7p.m. May 14, 2014, at CenterPlace Regional Event Center in Spokane Valley.

Thank you,

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