



November 24, 2009

Leroy Eadie, Director
City of Spokane
810 North Stone
Spokane, WA 99202

Dear Mr. Eadie:

This letter is in regards to the proposed White Water Park located on the beds and shores of the Spokane River, which is owned by the State of Washington and managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). I can appreciate the energy and efforts put forth on a project of this size and do understand the complexities of trying to manage such a project. As you are aware, based upon the e-mail I sent out to the stakeholders on November 16, 2009, the DNR Aquatic Resources Program has decided that until the full project is ready for review and the questions have been answered to all of the agency's satisfaction, DNR will not be able to fully participate in discussions because there is not enough information for us to evaluate the proposal at this time.

DNR sent you a letter stating our concerns and comments on November 30, 2007. As of this date we have not received a response to that letter of concern. The letter states that until the City of Spokane can provide us more detail we cannot begin to assess the impacts and effects of the project. In order to make an informed decision for this proposed White Water Park project, DNR needs answers pertaining to our comments. As part of our leasing procedures, we suggest you work with our agency to obtain approval prior to obtaining regulatory permits.

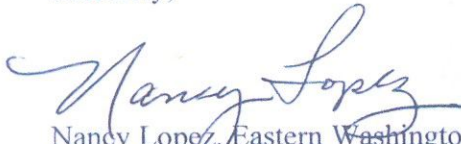
DNR is the steward of State-owned aquatic lands and we make decisions to lease the State's aquatic lands based upon what is best for all current and future citizens of the state. We have not seen a response to that letter or received a copy of a response to the other agencies letters of concern. I am referring to the letters from The Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance dated May 23, 2008, the letter from Department of Ecology dated September 30, 2008, and Ecology's preliminarily comments letter dated January 23, 2009. (See Attached)

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We advise that the City be conscientious about further spending grant funded dollars on this project until the DNR and the regulatory agencies concerns have been addressed and we have had time to evaluate the proposal.

DNR is concerned that the City of Spokane has not responded to the letters that have been sent to them by us or the regulatory agencies about the proposal. If the regulatory questions did get answered and it is just a matter of sending copies, please send those responses to my email address: nancy.lopez@dnr.wa.gov. Again, I understand how complex these types of projects can be that sometimes ensuring all communication gets sent to all stakeholders gets overlooked. I do want to let you know that I will be attending the meeting that is scheduled for Dec 8th via phone conference. However, I will not be able to provide much input. My intent is to hear what the other concerns are and if the City has a plan on how to address those concerns.

Sincerely,



Nancy Lopez, Eastern Washington District Manager
Aquatic Resources Division/Rivers District

Enclosures: Letters to City of Spokane from Agencies