

Superior Court of the State of Washington

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Whatcom Superior Court WRIA 1 Water Adjudication Summons Information Sheet

Please recognize that each submitted claim form is for a single water use (Claim Form section B6 or C7). If you have additional uses, you will need to file additional claim forms as described in the instructions.

1. **Introduction:** The Washington State Department of Ecology filed for a Water Adjudication of the Nooksack Basin (WRIA 1) in Whatcom County Superior Court. With the large number of parties and citizens involved, the complex nature of the case will present unique challenges that the Court intends to address with fairness, independence, and integrity as its guide. The Court will strive to resolve the case in a timely and efficient manner while making the process accessible for all participants.
2. **Official Websites:** All official information for the Adjudication will be found at the Whatcom Superior Court's website - <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/413/Superior-Court> or at the Whatcom County Superior Court Clerk's website - <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/1944/Superior-Court-Clerk> . The Clerk's office will accept filings and provide limited guidance with document filing and formatting etc. The Court Administration website will have court rules and other legal documents.
3. **Email Address:** Claimants are strongly encouraged to provide an email on their Court Claim Form.
4. **Party responsibilities:** It shall be the ongoing responsibilities of each party, and their representative, if any, to review documents delivered with the notice provided below. It shall be the duty of all parties and their representatives to inform the Court and the Department of Ecology of any change in their email or mailing address, changes in ownership, or in representatives.
5. **Claimants and Electronic Filing:** Attorneys and Government entities will be required to electronically file this claim and to receive electronic service throughout this Adjudication. Non-attorney self-represented litigants are strongly encouraged to file this claim electronically. If self-represented litigants elect to file this claim in person, they will be subject to costs associated with service. If you need special accommodation, you can find the petition forms at: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/1944/Superior-Court-Clerk>