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**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
WHATCOM COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
DETERMINATION OF THE RIGHTS  
TO THE USE OF THE SURFACE  
AND GROUND WATERS OF  
WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY  
AREA 1

NO. 24-2-80000-37

SUMMONS

13 TO: WATER CLAIMANTS OF WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA 1

14 The Department of Ecology has filed an adjudication of the surface and ground waters  
15 of Water Resource Inventory Area 1 (WRIA 1), in certain areas of Whatcom and Skagit  
16 Counties, Washington, under RCW 90.03 and 90.44. *See* Statement of Facts with Map, filed on  
17 May 1, 2024.

18 Ecology has identified parties who may claim the right to use of said water. Whatcom  
19 County Superior Court Judge David Freeman, by order dated December 3, 2024, has directed  
20 summons to be issued and served on all persons claiming the right to divert, withdraw, or  
21 otherwise make use of the surface and ground waters of WRIA 1.


22 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the purpose of this lawsuit is to determine the rights of all  
23 persons to divert, withdraw, or otherwise make use of the surface or ground waters of WRIA 1.

24 **You are directed to complete and file the Court Claim Form with the Whatcom County**  
25 **Superior Court Clerk. The Court Claim Form sent as a part of this summons is a**  
26 **statement of your claim to the waters of WRIA 1.**

1       **The deadline to file the Court Claim Form is on May 1, 2026, or one year from the**  
2 **date you were served with this summons, whichever is later. If you fail to file a claim,**  
3 **judgment will be entered determining your right to the use of WRIA 1 water according to**  
4 **the evidence presented to the Court.**

5       DATED this 16th day of January 2025.

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17       Signed and attested pursuant to RCW 90.03.120(2).

18       DATED this 16th day of January.

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20                              RAYLENE KING  
21                              Whatcom County Clerk