

**Spokane River Instream Flow Study**  
**Appendix E**

**Letters of Support or Objection**

**WRIA 54 and WRIA 57**

From: Stan Miller [<mailto:samillerh2o@comcast.net>]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 9:08 AM  
To: Lindsay, Robert  
Subject: Comment on ISF Report

Rob

I didn't get this in by Friday as I was away late last week, but if you can use it here is a brief note from me:

I would like to confirm my support for the methods used in and the results of the Instream flow study for the lower part of WRIA 57 and WRIA 54. It is interesting that the flows estimated for the lower portion of WRIA 57 are higher than the flows calculated for WRIA 54. This pattern mimics the result found by Hardin-Davis for the upper portion of WRIA 57. There it was shown that above Barker Road in a broad shallow portion of the river 500 cfs provided the optimum balance of habitat for adult and juvenile rainbow trout. Three miles downstream at Sullivan Road in a more incised channel, the needed flow dropped to about 250 cfs. Given this it should not be surprising that the needed flow for the same species in the broad channel below Monroe Street is greater than in the narrow channel near the Gun Club section.

I would also like to point out that one of the reasons the habitat study was not performed on the section below Monroe Street as part of the WRIA 57 ISF work was that WDFW personnel, especially fisheries biologist Chris Donnelly, were of the opinion that the upper portion of WRIA 57 was the critical flow area. If the flows were adequate in that area they would be adequate further downstream. The results of the EES work at least at the level of analysis I have made to date appears to confirm this.

I look forward to continuing to work with the results of this work in conjunction with the earlier Hardin-Davis study to develop an instream flow recommendation for the Spokane River.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Stan Miller

**From:** Susan McGeorge [mailto:mcgeorge@asisna.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 18, 2007 11:13 AM  
**To:** Hermanson, Mike  
**Subject:**

Mike:

I have read the *Draft Final Technical Report-Spokane River Instream Flow Studies* prepared by EES Consulting for the WRIA 54 and 57 Watershed Planning Units and support the report findings.

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