

An Open Letter to Dept. of Ecology and Corps of Engineers

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am receipt of notification from both your agencies that you have concerns about certain restorative work I unilaterally undertook on a portion of the May Valley Ditch in King County Washington. You are well aware that I acknowledge having done this work. I am by now, as you also know, in the toils of the King County Code Enforcement process as a result.

I respect the fact that each of your agencies must investigate such matters when you learn of them and I welcome your interest. I believe when you are each in full command of the facts in this decades-old struggle over a once proud salmon stream, you will conclude that we in the May Valley community are correct in our assessment of the necessary remedy for the malaise that has beset the Ditch. I further invite you to join in our continuing efforts to put things right and bring back the fish; not to mention solving the enormous flooding problem that is a hazard to public health and safety and has seriously damaged private property.

Your two agencies are aware of the determined work of the May Valley Environmental Council (MVEC) I am sure. This group, of which I am a member, formed to challenge King County government to line in a mutually acceptable plan to put things right along the May Creek Ditch, with considerable success. In fact, the King County Council adopted the Amended May Creek Basin Plan as crafted by MVEC last April. More on this later.

I was not surprised that the initial posture of both your agencies mirrored that of King County. Some "high crime" or other had been committed and the perpetrator must be dealt with. Any