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## LIBERTY ALERTS:

**On Tuesday**, the WC Council will introduce a six-month ordinance lift the County imposed moratorium; allowing the County to issue permits to well dependent properties, at their Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7 PM, Council meeting in the WC Council Chambers.

## COMMON CENTS:

There will be public comment taken at the WC Council's Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting...which is likely to have many of supporters of the Hirst decision organized speaking against approval of the six-month ordinance. You showed up to the Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> meeting to make your voices heard and you need to show up to this meeting to publicly speak and show your support for the WC Council to pass this six-month ordinance.

The best medicine for change is to show up and speak out. Our past silence has contributed to the direction we've taken in Whatcom, Skagit, and Island Counties.

This is not a reprimand to anyone listening to my common cents this morning. It is my analysis as to what is the best way to stop the destruction of your private property and civil rights. If you show up, speak out, and make the effort to care about your neighbors' rights as you would your own...we can all be assured that we will find our way back home to that road we all desire to travel on...the road to Liberty...fondly referred to as Liberty Road.

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## Washington's Carbon Tax Will Cost \$530 Per Household In 2029

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By [TODD MYERS](#) | BLOG, Feb 5, 2018: *Last week, the Senate Energy, Environment and Technology Committee passed [its version of a carbon tax](#), noting it was still "a work in progress." Including numerous exemptions for industry, the burden of the tax falls primarily on households and commercial businesses in Washington state. The tax begins at \$10 per metric ton (MT) of CO<sub>2</sub>e (carbon dioxide equivalent that includes other greenhouse gases like methane), increasing to \$30 per MT by 2029.*

- So, how much will this cost and who will pay for it
- Who is pushing this new carbon tax?
- Where is this bill (regarding the political process) next to be heard?
- Capital Calendar announced that former Sec. of State John Kerry, is coming to Olympia to promote passage of this carbon bill. That's a lot of influence that is being rolled-out for WA State!
- Is there any organized resistance to this bill?
- How will it effect residents of Washington State in their everyday lives?

At 8 p.m. yesterday evening, the Senate Energy, Environment, and Technology (EET) Committee voted to pass a modified version of Gov. Inslee's carbon tax ([SB 6203](#)) bill out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation. This is just the first step in what will be a lengthy process, but we are feeling a little bit like [Joe Biden after Obamacare passed](#) ... so forgive us when we say "this is a big \$%@^ing deal." We are pretty sure this is the **first carbon tax in U.S. history passed out of a state legislative committee.**

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On Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Lake Whatcom Policy Group met to discuss a number of issues. One of the key items was to be a discussion and presentation by EJ Ledet on his proposal to fund less costly and more effective solution to phosphorus and other issues currently putting pressure on the water quality of Lake Whatcom.

EJ Ledet (with the assistance of Richard Bauman) has contributed a lot of his personal time and research a pilot studying this issue. In his research he came across a process of re-aeration by a 48-year company, Clean Flo. Clean Flo has successfully restored eutrophic waters in the United States and around the world.

The costs to implement a pilot study to determine whether there is a less costly and faster way to deal with the issues that have placed Lake Whatcom on the 303d status with the EPA, over the next 50 years is 20% of what is currently being proposed. (1 – 2 million dollars over the first 5 years)

The time to evaluate whether this pilot project is effective is approx. 5 years. The time to evaluate whether the Public Works / DOE proposal will be effective is 50-years with no data to support that it will be work.

The problem was created by human intervention and the proposals being put forth are also human intervention. The DOE and Dr. Mathews site a manmade regulation that human caused deviations to the water cannot exceed 3 degrees. Yet, the natural cycle can do this with no concern? From 1963 – 2007 Georgia Pacific withdrew water from Lake Whatcom. The law referred

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to by Steve Hood, DOE and Dr. Mathews, WWU was enacted in 2002. Likely the activity at GP was grandfathered in, but with the massive amounts of water being withdrawn there were no temperature fears and no water shortages that were the cause of GP shuttering the doors and leaving town.

What's your thoughts? Should the Lake Whatcom Policy Group push forward with their \$100 million plan to tax the properties with no guarantee that it will have any effect on phosphorus loading to Lake Whatcom?

Do you think that Whatcom County Public Works should shut down what is likely a great opportunity to resolve a decades old issue for Lake Whatcom, because it would be human created temperature destratification in Lake Whatcom? In most areas of the Lake the water temperature would be much cooler and some areas it could be warmer. Swimmers, water-skiing, and other water activities would find the lake cooler and very refreshing in the summer months. Fish like cool water, which is why they stay deeper during the summer days.

I'd like to hear your thoughts on what EJ Ledet is proposing to the County and the City of Bellingham.

Call in at 360-676-5464 to share your thoughts on the new taxing district that has been proposed.

The Lake Whatcom Watershed is comprised of approx. 3436 residents who will be affected by this new tax.

$\$100,000,000/3436 = \$29,203.61$  over the next 50 years to be paid on avg. by these property owners. The County and the City will not know for decades or potentially not at all after 50-years, at the cost of multiple thousands of dollars to the people who live in the LWWSD.

$\$22,000,000/3436 = \$6,402.80$  over the next 50 years to be paid on avg. by these property owners. The County and the City will know within 2 -3 years whether it works. If it does work, then you have solved a problem and saved the people thousands.

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