

Whatcom County Public Works
whatcomcounty.us/adjudication

You are receiving this postcard because you may own property that is affected by the WRIA 1 water adjudication. If you only use water from a city or other water provider, you can disregard this notice.



**YOUR ACTION WILL BE
REQUIRED** if you use water
from a well, stream, or lake.

**Protect your right to use water by
completing the adjudication court claim
form when it is mailed to you later this year.**

At the end of the adjudication, each legal water use will be documented by the issuance of a certificate describing the entitled water amount. The certificate will be recorded with the property, providing evidence of legal water use for future owners.

Find Out What is Happening:



Whatcom County Public Works

- List of upcoming & recorded informational sessions
whatcomcounty.us/adjudication

Whatcom County Superior Court process information coming soon: whatcomcounty.us/4326

E-filing is encouraged and beneficial for future noticing.

Washington Department of Ecology



- Monthly Adjudication e-newsletter
- Staff available to answer questions or look up water rights. Contact [360-255-4406](tel:360-255-4406) or WRadjudications@ecy.wa.gov

ecology.wa.gov/nooksack-adjudication

The court claim forms have not been mailed yet.

The Washington Department of Ecology will send them via certified mail after they are approved by the court. In general, the forms will ask for the location of your water withdrawal or diversion; the location, timing, and purpose of the water used; and the amount and rate of water used.

Resources to Complete the Forms:

Collect Measurements and Document Evidence of Water Use - *Available end of July*

- Online mapping tool you can use to measure areas, collect coordinates, and view historic imagery. See "Resources": whatcomcounty.us/adjudication

Calculate Water Use - *Available end of July*

- Tools to estimate home (domestic), irrigation, livestock, and other miscellaneous water uses.
whatcomcounty.us/water-calc

Workshops - *Coming later this year*

- Water consultant hired to host workshops to help you complete your court claim form. The schedule will be listed here: whatcomcounty.us/adjudication

Additional Instructions and Assistance

- Additional instructions to be listed under "Resources": whatcomcounty.us/adjudication
- Aspect Consulting staff available to answer questions and look up water rights. Contact [360-316-3310](tel:360-316-3310) or Whatcom.water.support@aspectconsulting.com

Email WRA-PublicWorks@whatcomcounty.us or call [360-778-6314](tel:360-778-6314) if you have questions about the assistance provided through Whatcom County Public Works.