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designated as a cold water class A stream in the future. I would assume that there will be others. Senator Beutler, some of the concerns raised would...this would not let LEQ downgrade a stream, and that if we could work out something that, if that were the case, that they would be allowed to downgrade a stream I suppose if it...if it dries up. But still my reaction in thinking of that and talking to Senator Schrock, and then I'll ask you your reaction, would be if it's in the watershed and, for whatever reason, is dried up, it's still in the watershed, and the future could be that it will come back. And if this is about protecting the watershed, I'm not as concerned about the ability to downgrade a stream. But because there isn't spawning taking place, I mean there could be a lot of things that I would think could happen for the possibility of downgrading, but I'm not so sure. I'm concerned that that would be any benefit. In fact, looking to the future, I think that your amendment is good. So, if you would react, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would yield. My reaction, Senator, is similar to you...yours. As I understand the methodology required with respect to the classifications, it wouldn't make any difference, for example,... Well, let me put it this way, the...the...the definition of a class A trout stream relates to factors related to the habitat, to the temperature of the water, to the existence of gravel beds that apparently allow for spawning, and therefore when those conditions exist you can have trout, and you're always going to have a class A stream, trout stream. The circumstances are such that I'm not concerned about downgrading of streams. And if it were comforting to put such language in there, I would not have a problem with that. Certainly, if long-term geological conditions changed or something happened that water temperatures were such that trout simply no longer could live in those streams, certainly it would no longer make sense to protect trout. So that's my reaction.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Senator Beutler. And I think then that possibly something could be worked out. But I think that's significant recognition of what we're trying to do here, and that just because it's an amendment to the bill, there's currently a reaction of absolutely don't allow any amendment on