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SENATOR SCHROCK: If it's within two miles of a cold-water stream, there can be no expansion unless it's not in the watershed.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay.

SENATOR SCHROCK: So you're...so...

SENATOR SMITH: So as long as it's on the other side of the hill, out of the watershed...

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...if on the other side of the hill is in a different watershed, expansion can be made there, but the department still has to determine that it will not pollute the waters of that cold-water stream.

SENATOR SMITH: And...I mean is there something I'm missing there? How would that even be a potential hazard if it's on...if it's outside the watershed?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Smith, my answer to that is any time any of these facilities, whether it's cold-water stream or otherwise, has a potential to pollute a stream, then the department shall deny the permit or have them make modifications or corrections.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. On with discussion, Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the amendment and Senator Schrock, I think, did an adequate job of explaining it. I, too, would like to thank Senator Chambers for his work and interest on this proposal. Senator Schimek and her staff, Christy, I think were very involved and put a lot of time into it. Senator McDonald and her staff, Mikki, also spent a lot of time and they were working in it. I thank them as well. Certainly Senator Beutler and Denise, his staff, have spent hours and hours working on the issue and