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### Willfully Guided: Navigating the Nooksack River Watershed Adjudication

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#### OVERVIEW

How to Protect Your Water Rights In April 2024, a critical event is set to unfold that will have a significant impact on water users in the Nooksack River watershed in Whatcom County, Washington. The event in question is the long-awaited adjudication, a legal proceeding before a Whatcom County Superior Court judge that aims to assess the validity of claims to use water for various purposes, from fish habitat to domestic and agricultural use. This article will delve into the intricacies of the adjudication process, why it matters, and what you can do to safeguard your water rights. Understanding the Adjudication Process The adjudication process is essentially a judicial evaluation of water claims within the Nooksack River watershed. This encompasses various uses such as domestic (indoor and limited outdoor) use, livestock watering, and irrigation. Here's a breakdown of the key phases: Filing of Lawsuit: The adjudication process begins with the filing of...

