

# KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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## STUDY SESSION MINUTES

May 5, 2003

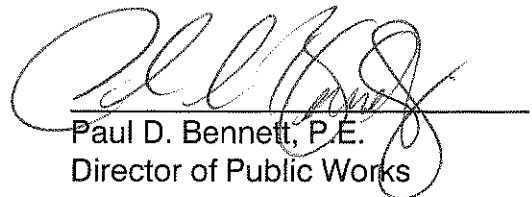
**THOSE PRESENT:** Max Golladay, Perry Huston, Bruce Coe, Gene Dana, John Smets, Bob Smets, Paul Bennett, Kelly Carlson

**YAKIMA RIVER/CANYON:** John Smets and his son Bob Smets were present to speak on the Yakima Canyon/River. Mr. Smets owns property along the Yakima River and feels that the ordinance restricting motorized boats on that portion of the river is hindering his ability to access his property. He would like access in order to pick up garbage that builds up from fisherman, and river floaters. He stated that he has lived in the Canyon for many years and enjoys it very much, and would like his family to enjoy also. Mr. Smets is proposing a type of "season" for this opening and it would run from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Mr. Smets is requesting a permit to access his property in two areas from the river. Gene Dana stressed that we need to be cautious about the number of permits we issue in this area.

Perry suggested that Gene Dana assist Mr. Smets with a Draft Amendment to the existing Ordinance, and set Public Hearing on the May 20 agenda, and possibly have the hearing on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourned at 2:15

  
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Director of Public Works

**APPROVED**  
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