

**BEFORE THE WESTERN WASHINGTON GROWTH  
MANAGEMENT HEARINGS BOARD**

RAYMOND AND LIANN VINES,	)	
	)	No. 98-2-0018
Petitioner,	)	
	)	ORDER DENYING
v.	)	MOTION TO STAY
	)	
JEFFERSON COUNTY,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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On February 5, 1999, contemporaneously with the filing of petitioners' brief, a motion to stay was filed. The motion was based on an allegation that the record revealed that the final decision on the boundary of the Port Hadlock RVC zone would be made prior to August 17, 1999. For purposes of this order, we assume the truth of the allegation.

RCW 36.70A.300 provides that a decision in any case must be issued within 180 days of the date of the petition. Subsection (2)(b) contains the only reference in the Growth Management Act (Act) to extension of that 180-day period. Thus, extension is permissible if the parties are engaged in settlement discussion and the other requirements of Subsection (2)(b) are met. That is not the case with regard to petitioners' motion for stay.

Since there are no other exemptions for extension of the 180-day deadline specified in the Act, a Growth Management Hearings Board is not authorized to extend the period set by the Legislature for any reason except for settlement discussions.

Therefore, the motion of petitioners is denied.

So ORDERED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1999.

WESTERN WASHINGTON GROWTH MANAGEMENT HEARINGS BOARD

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William H. Nielsen  
Presiding Officer