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To Department of Ecology:

In wading through in your Dungeness rule documents I've found no mention of the negative effects salmon, per se, have relative to pollution. Nor any analysis as to how this could alter your cost-benefit outcome.

Specifically, salmon spawn, die, decay, and thereby contaminate our streams and waterways. I'm far from being an expert, but I've read that salmon pollution, in itself, can be one of the most toxic contaminants of our waters, to include streams, rivers, and the Strait.

Have you made any cost-benefit analyses relative to this source of pollution? Aside from the economic benefit accrued from salmon production in itself, I doubt very seriously if there's any significant benefit to having this source of pollution present in our waterways and, in terms of ensuring public health safety, I'd guess that the cost side of the equation could be huge.

I'd suggest this could significantly alter the conclusion reached in your cost-benefit analysis. You should consider it, and amend your conclusions commensurately.

Cordially,

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