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Dear Director Sturdevant and staff,

The standards for fish consumption should be set at a level that the most sensitive population is protected. Further the maximum amount of fish that anyone is ever likely to eat should be used in setting the levels. There is no justification for allowing segments of our population to be exposed because they do not know how contaminated the fish is.

Further, I am most discomforted to know that the fish in our most important body of water for this food is contaminated at all. There is no reason anyone should accept contaminated food.

I eat less fish because I know it is contaminated. So your justification for setting the level based on what people eat is based on circular reasoning. The only way to avoid this is to clean the whole thing up. Washington needs to deal with this in a responsible way if we are to be respected and trusted as a producer of seafood.

Washington currently uses inadequate fish consumption rates for water and sediment cleanup standards. The standards should be conservative enough to protect the higher fish consumers such as tribes and subsistence fishers.

Please increase the rates to more accurate numbers.

Thank you.

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