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To: [ECY RE Fish Consumption](#)
Subject: Fish consumption rate numbers should be raised
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Dear Director Sturdevant and staff,

I am an avid fisherman and eat a lot of fish each week, including the shrimp I am snacking on tonight and the cod I will eat this weekend. In addition, I catch razor clams and oysters on a regular basis. This is despite the fact I know that there are a lot of contaminants in our waters.

You do not have to look far at the increased shoreline use and boats as well as septic failure numbers with little enforcement to understand source points are numerous and growing.

I truly believe from looking at strong evidence provided by numerous concerned groups that 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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