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Dear Director Sturdevant and staff,

Washington currently uses inadequate fish consumption rates for water and sediment cleanup standards. The numbers now in use are based on data from the 1980s and 1990s, and they most likely underestimate present per capita seafood consumption. 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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