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Last month, the Department of Ecology proposed new rules to update its water quality standards for Washington State, which are the lowest in the nation. The proposed rule would increase the "acceptable" risk of developing cancer from eating fish caught in the Puget Sound and would make it more likely that industry will be granted permission to exceed these standards thereby allowing potent neurotoxins and cancer-causing pollutants to remain at current levels. The standards to protect families from mercury and PCBs, two of the most long-lived and toxic chemicals in our waters, will remain dangerously low if we don't intervene. Please:

1. Decrease the risk of allowable cancer from 1 in 100,000 to 1 in 1 million.
2. Disallow the expansion of variances that delay industry's responsibility to clean up pollution above allowable levels.

The despotic control of our environment by the Wall Street bankers can be overcome.

Thank you,

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