

The Washington State Department of Ecology received comments during the public review period for the Proposed Human Health Criteria and Implementation Tools Rule, Chapter 173-201A WAC.

A variation of the following form letter was received via email from 75 individuals. The specific comments of each individual that provided a variation of this letter are provided below.

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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Sincerely,

From: [Anne Ambler](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 4:18:14 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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This is unacceptable to me as a visitor to Washington State. Washington State residents and visitors deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

Anne Ambler

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From: [Cheryl Biale](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 8:34:38 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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Who are you working for, WA state and its people, or big polluters? Aren't you the Dept. of Ecology? Please do your job correctly and stop fudging the numbers so polluters can continue to harm WA residents. I am so upset about this because I used to consider myself lucky to live in a place where fresh, wholesome seafood was available. I have pretty much given up eating seafood because of this and am sorry to not be able to support local people trying to make a living on local seafood.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Biale
7711 Greenridge St. SW
Olympia, WA 98512

From: [William & Beatrice Booth](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 9:02:09 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

How can you even suggest such a rule?

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Sincerely,

William & Beatrice Booth
450 Wood Ave SW #2B
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

From: [William & Beatrice Booth](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Thursday, March 05, 2015 7:47:08 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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This is beyond belief that these "standards" would obtain in this state where we care about sustainability of life in our state. This is unacceptable to me as a Washington resident.

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Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

From: [Jeff Bradley](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: comment on proposed rule change: chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 6:34:10 AM

Hello,

Regarding Chapter 173-201A WAC , Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington:

I am concerned that the Washington State water quality standards are not protecting me from cancer.

I want the State to maintain our current cancer risk of one in a million, rather than weakening that protection and accepting a risk of 1 in 100,000.

Also, I want the State to increase the fish consumption rate used in calculations to set toxin levels. This level should be based on accurate information, and it is well known that the current consumption rates used are far too low.

Thank you,

Jeff Bradley

Seattle

From: [Carolyn Caffey](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 4:04:28 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

Please do what you were hired to do, protect our water quality.

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Caffey
4155 212th Way SE
Sammamish, WA 98075

From: [Kamori Cattadoris](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 7:53:28 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am deeply concerned about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal actually increases allowable cancer risk by a factor of 10 statewide, plus allowing PCBs. This hazard can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs and neurotoxins to stay the same throughout the state. These are known known carcinogens -- how can this be?!? This is totally unacceptable to Washingtonians. We deserve standards that protect human health.

I include fish, especially wild-caught, in my diet. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged when what we desperately need are stronger water quality standards for clean, safe rivers and streams.

Please revise this proposal to decrease the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million. Tighten the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

Kamori Cattadoris
2592 Conklin Meadows Rd
Newport, WA 99156

From: [Ron Danielson](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 6:52:10 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express my opinion about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State.

I am totally for them.

This is totally acceptable to me as a Washington resident.

Ron Danielson
1660 Wildflower Way
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

From: [Marco de la Rosa](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 9:59:23 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am VERY CONCERNED about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth INCREASES allowable cancer risk TENFOLD statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known DANGER in waterways throughout Washington State and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neuro-toxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at DANGEROUS current levels.

This is UNACCEPTABLE to me as a Washington resident. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood.

The only PROPER action at this time is to establish STRONGER water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington State resident.

Our government has an obligation to PROTECT us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please REVISE this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening excessive lenience shown to polluting industries.

If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

Marco de la Rosa
12700 NE 124th St.
Kirkland, WA 98034

From: [Sean Edmison](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 2:31:29 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington. The proposal increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state; and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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Sincerely,

Sean Edmison

Redmond, WA 98052

From: [Richard Ellison](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 6:25:54 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

As a biologist and community college adjunct instructor, I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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Sincerely,

Richard Ellison
8003 28th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115

From: [Roberta Fargo](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015 9:31:21 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

This is unacceptable to me as a Washington resident. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood.

I already suffer severe health consequences as a result of toxic exposures that are damaging my body. Every additional toxin is just compounding the problem; exacerbating my symptoms and speeding up my decline. And I am far from the only person suffering ill health as a result of environmental pollution.

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Sincerely,
Roberta Fargo

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From: [Kirin Furst](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 3:23:31 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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This is unacceptable to me as an environmental engineer and citizen of the west coast. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

Kirin Furst

97333

From: [Ramona Gault](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 8:33:26 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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Sincerely,

Ramona Gault
29 Paseo C de Baca
Santa Fe, NM 87507

From: [John Groves](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 8:37:47 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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Though I don't live in Washington, I do visit frequently and ardently consume local fish!!!

Sincerely,

John Groves
1012 Esplanada Cir.
El Paso, TX 79932

From: [Mark Hemmert](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 2:39:17 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am a cancer fighter. I am keenly aware of how our environment and our food affect our health. I am also clear that clean water is critical to our future. I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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Sincerely,

Mark Hemmert

WA 98116

From: [Ann Hollyfield](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 8:14:59 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,
When we protect the natural world, we protect ourselves. This is a perfect instance of that principle.

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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Sincerely,

Ann Hollyfield
Box 70
Seal Rock, OR 97376

From: [Kat Hostetler](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Friday, February 20, 2015 10:57:52 AM

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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Sincerely,

Kat Hostetler
21616 101 In sw
vashon, WA 98070

From: [Jim Ives](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 1:11:14 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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This is unacceptable to me as a Washington resident and sportfisherman. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

Jim Ives
5616 34th Avenue NW
Seattle, WA 98107

From: [Gayle Janzen](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Friday, March 20, 2015 4:22:33 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

Your proposal is horrible! What is happening to our state that used to be a leader in protecting our environment? We can't keep destroying our waterways with dangerous chemicals and just sit back and do nothing. Has the chemical industry infiltrated your dept??

The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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Sincerely,

Gayle Janzen
11232 Dayton Ave N
Seattle, WA 98133

From: [JoLynn Jarboe](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 2:16:50 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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Sincerely,

JoLynn Jarboe

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From: [David Jensen](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 8:29:36 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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I have read this letter and I am in 100% (an honest 100% as opposed to the playing with numbers that this proposal engages in) agreement. You must do better.

Sincerely,

David Jensen
746 N 80th St
Seattle, WA 98103

From: [Dena Jensen](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015 4:21:24 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

As a resident of Whatcom County, Washington, I was pleased to hear about Governor Inslee's proposal to raise fish consumption rates. This is an action that is long overdue. I have learned a lot about the importance of the health of our lands and waters by educating myself on Native American cultures, such as the Lummi and Nooksack cultures, that are native to my area and on whose traditional lands I dwell.

My feeling is that we have been adding pollutants to our waters for far too long and the age when the declining health of our waters becomes critical for us as humans and our survival, is visibly approaching. The time is now to stop thinking business as usual is a model we can sustain. Stronger regulations for pollution and clear deadlines for compliance need to be established, even if businesses cannot imagine that at this moment they will be able to attain these goals. Water is priceless to humans and we need to start adopting practices that that reflect this reality.

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

This is unacceptable to me as a Washington resident. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

Dena Jensen
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From: [Sharon Johnson](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 8:39:24 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

This is unacceptable to me as a resident of Connecticut! So i can imagine how much more scared and worried residents of Washington are! We all deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.
WE ARE ALL WATCHING YOU.

Sincerely,

Sharon Johnson
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From: [Rebecca Kaiser](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 1:53:18 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

Are you kidding me. Update the Water Quality Standards needs to mean you will make them stricter, NOT WEAKER. I definitely want to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels. Shame on you for even thinking of lowering the standards.

This is unacceptable to me as a Washington resident. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

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From: [Hank Kastner](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Friday, March 20, 2015 2:29:58 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State.

My primary concern is that the proposal increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide. Not only that, but it includes an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts.

Washington residents deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish.

The standards should establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution.

Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

Hank Kastner

Bellingham, WA 98225

From: [Morgan & Julian Lake](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, February 23, 2015 1:36:12 PM

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This is unacceptable to me as a Washington resident, parent, and current law student. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

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From: [Judy Layzell](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015 8:03:39 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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This is unacceptable to me. While I am not a Washington resident, I eat fish products from Washington state, I care about the health of people in Washington, and I care about the environment throughout the United States and beyond its borders. We all deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

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From: [Carl Lechner](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 7:44:54 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

The relationship between industry and people is backward. The new water quality standards proposed for Washington State clearly follow industry's favored approach and not the greater population's best interest. The proposed standards increase allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. How is this reasonable? The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

Although I do not live in Washington I visit there, have friends there and undoubtedly consume fish from there. Standards that protect human health are needed for everyone who consumes Washington fish and shellfish. Your proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged while it increases the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only fair, objective and reasonable action is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our governments--both state and federal--should protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

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From: [Marjorie Leone](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 12:34:40 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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Sincerely,

Marjorie Leone
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Bellingham, WA 98225

From: [Jordan Lipka](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 2:27:56 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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Sincerely,

Jordan Lipka

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From: [Kyle Taylor Lucas](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, February 22, 2015 3:00:02 PM

February 22, 2015

Dear EPA and Ecology,

As an American Indian whose diet is almost exclusively seafood-based, I write to request EPA intervention on Washington State's new proposed water quality standards. Alarmingly, the State's DOE has proposed standards that would increase allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs—a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts.

The proposed standards significantly fail to improve our weak, outdated regulations, and they raise allowable cancer risk statewide from one in a million to one in a hundred thousand. The new rules would leave levels of many dangerous chemicals, including mercury and PCBs, unchanged.

This is unacceptable to me as a one of the First Peoples of Washington whose history, culture, and spirituality are entwined with and dependent upon a healthy marine environment and its resources. As an American Indian and treaty tribal member, I count on the federal government to fulfill its trust responsibility to protect my treaty-guaranteed rights to marine resources, which are dependent upon a healthy environment.

We First Peoples and all Washingtonians deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for all who consume fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood.

The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident and for treaty tribes dependent upon the federal trust responsibility to protect tribal interests and resources.

Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

Kyle Taylor Lucas

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From: [Vivian MacKay](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 8:53:59 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology:

I recently learned about some proposed changes/updates in Washington State's Water Quality Standards (long among the weakest in the nation) that are presented in a draft proposal from the Department of Ecology. As written, the draft raises allowable cancer risk tenfold. These standards affect streams, rivers, lakes, and Puget Sound. Anyone who fishes, swims, wades, sails, kayaks, etc., in any of these waters or eats any seafood from them is affected by known cancer-causing toxins; these include PCBs (that were banned in 1979 but still exist in shallow water, sediments, or surface soils), mercury, arsenic, and others. Washington currently has the weakest water quality standards in the nation, due in large part to an outdated fish consumption rate [FCR] of just 6.5 grams per day. Our state's FCR standard (only 5.11 pounds per year!) is based on 40-yearold data. (Note: Oregon has recently revised their FCR to 175 grams/0.386 pounds per day or 141 pounds/year.*) Nearly all Washingtonians eat much more than 5 pounds of fish and shellfish each year. In addition, Ecology's own research shows that the groups with the highest fish consumption are tribal members, Asian-Pacific Islanders, and commercial and recreational fisherman. They have equal protection under the Clean Water Act, and therefore they must set the bar for how protective the new standards should be. The proposal put forth by Governor Inslee and Ecology changes that FCR and certain other elements of the equation. But by also raising statewide allowable cancer risk tenfold(!), from one in one million to one in 100,000, the end result (for pollution levels) remains largely the same. If this draft proposal is approved, it will leave Washington fish consumers without adequate protection and allow many potent neurotoxins and cancer-causing pollutants, including mercury and PCBs, to remain at their current levels.

This is not progress. The federal Clean Water Act requires states to protect their citizens from unsafe levels of pollution in locally-caught fish and shellfish. We need to stop the pollution and require the polluters to clean up their industries, not threaten the health of our citizens. And we WILL fight this!!

Please, for all of us, do not allow this draft proposal to be adopted.

*Since Oregon's standards for "their half" of the Columbia are now much more stringent than Washington's for "our half", it should be interesting to see how this plays out, probably in a court somewhere over many years, costing Washington

taxpayers many, many dollars and allowing the pollution to continue during this time.]

Sincerely,

Vivian MacKay

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From: [Charlene MacKenzie](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Friday, March 20, 2015 2:03:48 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am joining many others to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The current proposal increases allowable cancer risk ten times over statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

This is totally unacceptable to me as a Washington resident. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses essentially unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood.

THE ONLY APPROPRIATE ACTION AT THIS TIME is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. PLEASE REVISE THIS DRAFT, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

Charlene MacKenzie
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Bellingham, WA 98229

From: [Paula Mackrow](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 6:36:53 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I have worked to recover our salmon habitat for decades. Salmon and people depend on cleanER water than the old standards allow. So I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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Sincerely,

Paula Mackrow
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Carlton, WA 98814

From: [margret milici](#)
To: [ECY_RE_SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
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Sincerely,

It is up to you guys to step up to the plate. History will judge you and find you lacking if you don't. Thanks from Maggie and all my friends and family

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From: [Nicole Miller](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Friday, March 20, 2015 9:02:35 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I'm an active citizen in Bellingham, and Washington as a whole, and to see this proposal makes me sick. First off, there is no possible way for Washington's Fish Consumption Rate to be as low as it is being claimed to be. A new, more accurate, and more thorough data collection should be done prior to the accepting of this proposal. It is unfair for this proposal to go through when it is based off of inaccurate numbers. A big part of Western Washington's culture revolves around our fish, and more specifically our Salmon. Living in Bellingham and volunteering with the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, it is evident that Salmon are big player in our area's rivers and bay, as well as big food source. If this proposal is passed the Salmon will be in even more danger of decreasing population to point where we will no longer see many of our species, since they are in danger already.

The Pacific Northwest has always seemed to be the leader in taking environmental actions in the United States and for Oregon to have be ahead of Washington on this ordeal--having a greater Fish Consumption Rate--why is Washington not following suit? Not only are our waters already rising in acidity to the point that researchers are seeing devastation in our mollusks, but radioactive pollution is making its way from the Japan natural disasters; on top of that the water temperatures are rising causing disruption to our ecosystems. If nothing else, raising Washington's Fish Consumption Rate and thereby lowering the amount of pollution released should be the one crucial step that the state takes in order to start working towards a healthier ocean instead of ruining it further. Of all the steps that could be taken to help our oceans at the moment, this seems to be the most obtainable. So why not take it?

Sincerely,
Nicole Miller

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WA 98225

From: [sudha.nandagopal](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 2:14:53 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State.

The current proposal is unacceptable to me as a Washington resident, a woman of childbearing age and as a member of the Asian community. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish - and we have to consider the communities most impacted whose diets rely on fish and or whose health may be more impacted by fish consumption because of traditional reliance on fish in our diets. We need to recognize a more reasonable amount of grams of fish per day that ensures we have safe foods that meet our dietary and cultural needs. At the same time, increasing the cancer rate is bad for our communities since most people eat well above the current proposed grams of fish and that means cancer risk would be significantly increased in our communities beyond the "averages." Policy cannot consider only averages when it puts at risk people of color and native communities. We must focus on those most impacted first in designing policy and ensuring environmental justice.

This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million, increasing the amount of fish consumed per day, and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

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From: [Claudio Naranjo](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 7:59:56 AM

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This is unacceptable to me as a Florida resident. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

Claudio Naranjo

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From: [Shannon Osborne](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Friday, February 20, 2015 6:31:14 AM

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Bellingham, WA 98225

From: [David Parker](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015 4:25:53 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

Thank you for this opportunity. I endorse the suggested comments below, with one caveat: they're not stated forcefully enough.

I'm aghast, shocked, and disappointed that the higher limit is even being considered!

As I'm sure you're well aware, Puget Sound orcas have such high levels of PCBs in their fat, their remains are often considered hazardous waste. Is that the future Washington's human fish-consumers can look forward to? Why on earth are we even considering allowing 10 times more people to get cancer? This is an outrage!

Please, please, please don't allow the higher level to stand.

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Sincerely,

David Parker
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Oak Harbor, WA 98277

From: [Patricia Parsley](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 02, 2015 3:43:25 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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Sincerely,

Patricia Parsley

WA 98292

From: [Pah-tu Pitt](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 2:00:13 PM

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Pretty embarrassing treatment of tribes.

Sincerely,

Pah-tu Pitt

98310

From: [Candace Pratt](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 2:20:00 PM

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Sincerely,

Candace Pratt
893 N Oxford Way
Sequim, WA 98382

From: [colin_purdy](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 7:48:51 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

SHOCKING. DOES PUBLIC GOVERNMENT ACTUALLY SUPPORT THE PUBLIC ANYMORE ON ANYTHING, OR IS IT ALL JUST PURE INDUSTRY SELLOUT THESE DAYS NO MATTER THE COST TO THE PUBLIC? SWQS@ECY.WA.COM SEEMS MORE APT IF THE PROPOSED "STANDARDS" ARE ADOPTED.

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Sincerely,

colin purdy
po box 7871
san diego, CA 92167

From: [Pat Rasmussen](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 8:21:53 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

As a 69 year old Washingtonian grandmother, I demand clean water for my grandchildren and their grandchilddren. Weakening clean water standards to protect industry with your sneaky math is criminal.

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Sincerely,

Pat Rasmussen
PO Box 13273
Olympia, WA 98508

From: [Stephanie Reader](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 9:08:27 AM

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Reader
501 San Luis Avenue
Los Altos, CA 94024

From: [Bay Renaud](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Friday, March 20, 2015 1:07:35 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,
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Sincerely,

Bay Renaud
Po box 5271
Bellingham, WA 99227

From: [Barb Kelly Ringel](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 12:49:51 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

The state's new standards should move to reduce carcinogens and other harmful pollutants in our waters and fish bearing streams. This will help protect fish and their ecosystems and people who consume fish and drink water.

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Sincerely,

Barb Kelly Ringel
200 Mine St
Leaveworth, WA 98826

From: [Don Robertson](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 11:19:27 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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Thank you for considering these comments and for the work that you do.

Sincerely,

Don Robertson
3105 30th Ave SE
Puyallup, WA 98374

From: [Sandy Robson](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015 8:53:06 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State.

The current fish consumption rate does not protect the majority of Washington residents as most Washingtonians eat more than one seafood meal a month. Washington uses one of the lowest fish consumption rates to set our pollution standards, yet has one of the highest fish consuming populations in the nation. Native Americans and Pacific Islanders here in Washington are especially at risk because they are consuming much more fish than the current fish consumption rate set at 6.5 grams daily which is completely inadequate.

It is unfair and is a social injustice that our state has let this current unrealistic and dangerously low fish consumption rate stay in place for this long while corporations which are emitting the pollution are afforded the privilege of slowly poisoning people in the name of economic success.

It is not a difficult decision: Either you respect and protect human life, or you protect corporations so they can be as profitable as possible.

The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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It is not only important for all of us in WA state but especially for Native American tribes.

Below, I have copied and pasted information from the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission written in 2012 which I strongly encourage you to consider:

"The fish consumption rate is important because it is one of the factors that the state uses to determine how much toxic pollution that industry is allowed to discharge in our waters. Updating the current rate will help reduce levels of more than 100 pollutants that can make us sick and even kill us over time. For us tribes, pollution denies our treaty rights because those rights depend on fish and shellfish being safe to eat.

The state Department of Ecology promised more than a year ago to develop a more accurate rate, but halfway through the process did an about-face. All it took was for business and industry lobbyists to voice some concerns to stop development of the new rate dead in its tracks.

"The state says that 6.5 grams daily—roughly a single 8-ounce serving per month — is how much fish and shellfish that we all eat. That standard has been in place for more than 20 years. Oregon's rate, by comparison, was recently increased to 175 grams a day. We think the people of Washington deserve at least that much protection

from pollution.

"The state acknowledges that the current rate does not protect the majority of Washington residents because most of us eat more than one seafood meal a month. This is especially true for Indian people and members of the Asian and Pacific Islander communities here in Washington. In fact, Washington uses one of the lowest fish consumption rates to set pollution standards, but has one of the highest fish-consuming populations in the nation."

Please do the right thing for all of us, and especially for Native Americans and members of Asian and Pacific Islander communities who consume fish at a much higher rate than most of us. Protect us. It is your job to do so.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sandy Robson

Blaine, WA 98230

From: [Alberto Rodriguez](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 1:28:53 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. This issue is particularly important to me, my family, and my community. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

This is unacceptable to me as a Washington resident as it perpetuates environmental racism, environmental injustice, and health inequities - the most vulnerable and at-risk communities are the most affected by these issue. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

Alberto Rodriguez

Seattle, WA 98122

From: [Sharon S](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 4:09:50 PM

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Sincerely,

Sharon S

IL 60453

From: [Magdalene Sanders](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Thursday, February 19, 2015 2:14:39 PM

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Sincerely,

Magdalene Sanders

WA 98589

From: [David Scheer](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 02, 2015 6:51:14 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express MY CONCERN about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State! The proposal put forth INCREASES allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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Sincerely, David M. Scheer, DC

David Scheer
2715 Cody Circle...#102
Bellingham, WA 98225

From: [Mark Schofield](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 11:17:03 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I eat fish regularly. Whenever I can get locally caught fish, I do - king salmon from Bellingham Bay is some of my favorite. I'm always seeking information about the food my family and I consume, so that we're eating the safest, most nourishing food possible. We're fortunate to have the resources and information we need to make these decisions.

I would guess there are many Washingtonians who consume more fish and seafood than I do, and who have fewer resource and less information to make the kind of safe, healthy food choices I make.

I am therefore concerned about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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Sincerely,

Mark Schofield
400 Whatcom Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

From: [Kathryn Shields](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 1:36:32 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

Thanks to Puget Soundkeeper Alliance for its incredible work keeping citizens of Washington State informed.

I expect the same from the Department of Ecology.

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As a citizen and voter, I will speak-out for and contribute to legal remedies that will force Washington State to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Shields

Seattle, WA 98122

From: [Michael Snow](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 11:05:41 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

As an active SCUBA diver in Puget Sound, I was very disappointed to hear that the new standards may actually harm water quality.

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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Sincerely,

Michael Snow
1111 13TH ST
BELLINGHAM, WA 98225

From: [Jack Stansfield](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Friday, March 20, 2015 6:50:06 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

As a lifelong Washingtonian, I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

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Sincerely,

Jack Stansfield

Stanwood, WA 98292

From: [Kate Storms](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2015 9:24:22 PM

Please update Washington State's water pollution standards and abide by the federal Clean Water Act.

Thank you,

A concerned citizen,

Kate Storms
Seattle Wa

Kate Storms
7529 39th Ave N.E.
Seattle, WA 98115

From: [Michael Strawn](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 1:34:08 PM

Dear EPA:

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If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish. Please do so without delay.

Sincerely,

Michael Strawn

Warren, MI 48093

From: [Jeff Thomas](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 2:12:55 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

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I am never surprised at how government, both Federal and State, bend over backwards for industry while putting their citizens at increasing risk. This is all done for money and it is sad and sickening that we the people have more to fear from government than most of us realize, as government is supposed to be watching out for us.

Sincerely,

Jeff Thomas
10702 Kriserin Circle
Chester, VA 23831

From: [Lawrence Thompson](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 11:50:38 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am deeply troubled with the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State, which permit a tenfold increased allowable cancer risk, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known pollutant in waterways. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels. This is weak approach is unacceptable. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. **THE APPROPRIATE ACTION AT THIS TIME IS TO ESTABLISH STRONGER WATER QUALITY STANDARDS THAT WILL LEAD TO CLEANER, SAFER WATERWAYS FOR EVERY WASHINGTON RESIDENT.** Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish. Sincerely,

Lawrence Thompson
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From: [Kristina Turechek](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 6:52:12 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

We are told to eat fish at least once a week. But we don't dare do that!

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

This is unacceptable to me as a person who would like to eat fish much more often. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood - and also anyone in other areas who would like to eat fish from this NW area of America. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

Kristina Turechek

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From: [Tessa Turnbow](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015 3:09:20 PM

To whom it may concern,

I was born and raised in Olympia, and I currently live in Kirkland. As a child, and now as an adult, I have eaten seafood almost daily and many of my memories revolve around the water. My family lives on Puget Sound and my parents work in the boating industry.

I was, at first, excited to hear that the water quality standards were going to be updated. However, when I found out the changes, my excitement turned to frustration and confusion. I understand many people see this update as a "compromise," which yes I agree with that idea because it is compromising something: our health.

Although the amount of fish that we can safely consume each day is being increased, our cancer risk rate is also being increased. I find this to be a complete violation to my quality of life in the Northwest. Basically, the Governor is telling us, "Yeah, you can eat more seafood each day but you are putting yourself at a much higher risk for cancer and we are going to do nothing about it."

The main concern I have with these new water quality standards is that nobody knows what is happening. The Department of Ecology and the Governor are concentrating on the fact that these are NEW standards that are BETTER than the old standards. However, they barely speak about the fact that our cancer risk rate is being increased tenfold. If they do acknowledge this fact, it is simply part of Governor Inslee's "risk management."

I would highly suggest that these new standards be reevaluated. While it may seem to be a good plan at this moment it is not beneficial to our future generations. Not changing the pollution/toxin levels allows the water to continue to be dangerous to our health and get worst over time.

If Washington cannot be a leader in water quality standards, we should at least be keeping up with other states-not taking steps back. I think it is time to follow Oregon's lead, raise the amount of seafood we can safely eat and leave the cancer risk rate the same. This may take extra work, but future generations will thank us.

Thank you

Tessa Turnbow

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From: [Debra Vandegrift](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 10:00:25 AM

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

This is unacceptable to me as a Washington resident. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries.

Sincerely,

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From: [Rita Varley](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015 5:04:25 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I write to express concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal increases allowable cancer risk and PCB contamination. It would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

This is unacceptable. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden of pollution on communities that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action is to establish stronger water quality standards for cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

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From: [manuela villa](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Washington's Proposed Human Health Criteria and Implementation Rules; Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 11:14:15 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

Ecology's proposal to tinker with numbers, but largely maintain the status quo when it comes to toxic pollution in our waterways and fish, is unacceptable. Rather than deal with the serious problem of toxic pollution threatening public health, Ecology is taking short cuts and creating loopholes. For example, the state's proposal increases allowable cancer risk tenfold. In many cases, Ecology's proposal does nothing to increase restrictions on potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants.

This is unacceptable. We deserve standards that protect public health for everyone. I urge Ecology to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways without pollution loopholes. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

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From: [Robert Vreeland](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 9:33:33 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing as a retired fisheries scientist to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

This is unacceptable to me as a Washington resident. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

Robert Vreeland
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From: [Dora Wallace](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 10:44:40 AM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

This is unacceptable to me as a Washington resident. We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

This letter is my opinion and the opinion of the 23 kids I teach and are too young to vote right now. We have studied the waters and salmon of Puget Sound and your proposed law makes no sense to kids even as young as 8 and 9.

Sincerely,

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From: [Sarah Wallace](#)
To: [ECY RE SWQS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Friday, March 20, 2015 5:25:41 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State.

We deserve standards that are truly protective to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident.

Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

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From: [Patricia Warden](#)
To: [ECY.RE.SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015 3:37:19 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth increases allowable cancer risk tenfold statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

This is unacceptable. It is unacceptable not just to me, but to every Washington resident. We deserve standards that are truly protective of human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please revise this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive lenience shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

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From: [Patti Wright](#)
To: [ECY RE SWOS](#)
Subject: Comment on Chapter 173-201A WAC
Date: Friday, March 20, 2015 8:53:33 PM

Dear EPA and Ecology,

I am writing to express my concern about the new water quality standards proposed for Washington State. The proposal put forth INCREASES allowable cancer risk TENFOLD statewide, with an additional multiplier for PCBs, a known issue in waterways throughout Washington and a legacy chemical that can only be removed through targeted cleanup efforts. The proposal would allow levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, would also remain at their current levels.

This is unacceptable to me as a Washington resident. We deserve standards that are truly PROTECTIVE to human health for everyone who consumes local fish and shellfish. This proposal leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses UNCHANGED, while increasing the burden on communities and individuals that depend on local seafood. The only appropriate action at this time is to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washington resident. Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please REVISE this draft, decreasing the cancer risk rate to 1 in 1 million and tightening the excessive LENIENCE shown to polluting industries. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, EPA has an obligation to step in and protect people who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Sincerely,

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