

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Focus on Fish Consumption in Washington

December 12, 2011, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

University of Washington South Campus Center (directions attached)

Workshop Objective: Ecology is asking for comments on a newly released technical support document – *Fish Consumption Rates Technical Support Document: A Review of Data and Information About Fish Consumption in Washington* (www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/1109050.html). This workshop will provide background on toxic contaminants in fish and shellfish, explain the public health issues, and overview the development of the new report. Experts from affected sectors will provide their perspectives, and there will be ample time for audience dialogue. Participants' ideas and reactions will be captured, and additional comments invited by the end of the comment period, December 30, 2011.

Workshop Agenda:

- 9:00 Opening and Welcome – Ted Sturdevant, Ecology Director
Agenda Review – Pat Serie, EnviroIssues, Facilitator
- 9:15 Regulatory Context for Fish Consumption Effort – Jim Pendowski, Ecology Toxics Cleanup, and Kelly Susewind, Ecology Water Quality
- 9:30 What Do We Know About Contaminant Levels in Washington's Fish? – Jim West, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 What's the Public Health Issue, and Why Is It Important? – Elaine Faustman, University of Washington

- 11:15 Overview of the Technical Support Document – How Did We Get to These Numbers?
– Craig McCormack, Ecology
- New Data from Colville Tribal Study – Whitney Fraser
- 11:50 Audience Completes Comment/Question Forms Before Lunch
- 12:00 Lunch on Your Own
- 1:00 What Does This Mean for Us? Sharing Perspectives:
- Aja DeCoteau, Columbia River Intertribal Fisheries Commission
 - Catherine O’Neill, Seattle University
 - Margaret Barrette, Pacific Northwest Shellfish Growers Association
 - Dave McBride, WA Department of Health
 - Lincoln Loehr, Stoel Rives
 - Pam Elardo, King County
 - Linn Gould, Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 Panel Discussion and Audience Dialogue
- 3:45 Summary of Panel Discussions and Implications for Ecology’s Policy Decisions –
Dave Bradley, Ecology Toxics Cleanup
- 4:15 Final Audience Thoughts
- 4:30 Adjourn