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March 9, 2015

Mayor Ed Murray
600 4th Ave
Seattle, WA 98104

Seattle City Council
P.O. Box 34025
Seattle, WA 98124-4025

RE: Requesting Comments on Washington State's Proposed Revised Water Quality Standards

Dear Honorable Mayor Murray and Honorable Councilmembers:

We are writing on behalf of the Seattle Human Rights Commission (the "Commission") to request that you submit formal written comments on behalf of the City of Seattle (the "City") urging the Washington State Department of Ecology ("DOE") to (1) move forward in resetting the State's fish consumption rate to 175 grams per day and (2) reject the tenfold increase to Washingtonians' cancer risk level. Public comments on the State's proposed revised Water Quality Standards ("WQS") are due March 23, 2015. We ask that you submit your comments in advance of that date. We also ask that you attend a public hearing on the proposed WQS that the Commission is hosting at City Hall on Tuesday, March 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Bertha Knight Landes Room, and that you request DOE's attendance as well.

The State's current WQS are woefully outdated. They are based on national data gathered in the 1970s and they enable Washingtonians to safely eat just one fish meal per month. Seattleites who eat fish likely consume far more than one fish meal per month, and by doing so place themselves at an increased risk for developing cancer and other chronic diseases. WQS affect the health of our waters, our fish, and all of us who depend on fish for our food and livelihood. Contaminated fish are the primary pathway for human exposure to chemicals which cause cancer, irreversible neurological damage, and other harmful effects to human health and well-being. As you know, Washington's waters are currently contaminated with PCBs, PAHs, methylmercury, and a host of other chemicals that are toxic to humans. Our City residents and our economy are strongly rooted in fish. City residents should be able to eat fish caught in Washington waters without fearing that they have exposed themselves to harmful levels of toxics or placed themselves at undue risk of cancer. Indeed, City residents have (1) a human right to health—such as the healthful consumption of the State Department of Health's recommended two 226 gram servings of fish per week; (2) a human right to subsistence—such as the right to freely fish the waters of our City and State to put food on their tables without putting their health at undue risk; and (3) a human right to conditions that enable their health—such as waters free from toxics that pose a tenfold increase in cancer risk level.

Additionally, our City residents of Native American, Asian, and Pacific Islander heritage are at disproportionate risk of adverse effects with respect to the change in cancer risk level because they

consume fish at higher rates. For example, Lummi tribal members consume fish at a rate of 800 grams per day at the 90th percentile, and members of Asian and Pacific Islander communities in the State consume fish at a rate of 236 grams per day in the 90th percentile. To get a sense for what this means for Seattle residents, note that 0.8 percent of our residents are Native American, 13.8 percent are Asian, and 0.4 percent are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.¹ That means that a low fish consumption rate or a high cancer risk level could leave roughly 15 percent of Seattleites, or 91,299 individuals, without even minimal protections. This raises a serious health equity issue.

DOE's proposed increase in the State fish consumption rate from 6.5 grams per day to 175 grams per day is a tremendous stride in the direction of providing greater human health and human rights protections to Seattleites. This will allow City residents to safely eat one fish meal per day. DOE's proposed tenfold increase in the cancer risk level from one in a million to one in 100,000, on the other hand, is unacceptable and renders the increased fish consumption rate meaningless. That change will mean that Seattleites eating one fish meal per day will have a tenfold increase in their cancer risk level. This will mark a tremendous stride backwards for Washington, and will undermine fish consuming Seattleites' health and human rights.

The Commission thus urges you, our Mayor and our City Council, to take affirmative steps to protect the health and human rights of Seattleites by submitting formal written comments to DOE urging it to protect Seattleites' rights to health, subsistence, and the conditions that enable their health by (1) resetting the State's fish consumption rate to 175 grams per day as proposed by DOE and (2) rejecting the tenfold increase to Washingtonians' cancer risk level. Over 600 Washingtonians, many Seattleites, have joined in expressing these same human health and human rights-based concerns regarding the fish consumption rate and cancer risk level to DOE over the last week. Their letter, signatures, and comments are attached. Please submit comments on behalf of the City to DOE by the March 23, 2015 public comment deadline and please urge DOE to attend the public hearing that the Commission has scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at City Hall. DOE itself has not scheduled a public hearing in King County, despite it being home to roughly a third of our State residents.

Thank you,



Ethel Branch, Co-Chair



Sarah Bishop, Co-Chair

cc: Patricia Lally, Director of Seattle Office for Civil Rights
Cheryl Niemi, Washington State Department of Ecology
Maia Bellon, Director of Washington State Department of Ecology
Dennis McLerran, EPA Region 10 Administrator
Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator

¹ <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/cityplanning/populationdemographics/aboutseattle/raceethnicity/default.htm>

Recipient: EPA and Washington State Department of Ecology

Letter: Greetings,

I am writing to express my support for the updated, more realistic fish consumption rate of 175 g/day. I am also writing to express my alarm at the proposed tenfold increase to my cancer risk level. I am also concerned that the proposal allows levels of PCBs to remain the same throughout the state, and allows other contaminants, including potent neurotoxins and known cancer-causing pollutants, to remain at their current levels.

Washingtonians deserve standards that are protective of our human rights to health and to an environment that protects our health. Thus, please (1) reject the proposed change to our Cancer Risk Level so that I can remain protected with a one in a million chance of getting cancer rather than a one in a 100,000 chance, and (2) move forward in resetting the Fish Consumption Rate from 6.5 g/day to 175 g/day. This will better protect my human right to health as a fish consumer, and the human rights of communities that consume fish at disproportionately high rates, such as members of the Asian and Pacific Islander communities in our State—who at the 90th percentile consume fish at a rate of 236 g/day—and Native Americans in our State—who consume fish at an even higher rate (the Lummi fish consumption rate at the 90th percentile is about 800 g/day; the Spokane Tribe set its fish consumption rate to 865 g/day to reflect the large volumes of fish its members consume).

Please, do the right thing and don't violate my human rights, or the human rights of my fellow Washingtonians. Do not adopt the proposed changes as-is. The proposed rule leaves pollution permit limits for industry and businesses unchanged while increasing the burden on me and communities and individuals dependent on local seafood. Instead, revise the draft as requested above to establish stronger water quality standards that will lead to cleaner, safer waterways for every Washingtonian.

Our government has an obligation to protect us and our water from dangerous pollution. Please step up and fulfill your obligation. If Ecology does not follow the law and protect public health, I fully support EPA assuming its obligation to step in and protect me and those who rely on local fish and shellfish.

Please also allow me to provide oral testimony on this important issue by hosting a public hearing here in Seattle.

Signatures

Name	Location	Date
Seattle Human Rights Commission (SHRC)	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-02
Jane Steadman	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-02
Monisha Sharma	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-02
Tana Atchley	PORTLAND, OR, United States	2015-03-02
Jessica Elekes	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-02
Timothy McLaughlin	Spokane, WA, United States	2015-03-02
Rory O'Rourke	Bainbridge Island, WA, United States	2015-03-02
Steve Robinson	Olympia, WA, United States	2015-03-02
Emma Levitt	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-02
Margaret Babayan	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-02
Rogina Beckwith	Kingston, WA, United States	2015-03-02
Kerstin Powell	Kingston, WA, United States	2015-03-03
Paul McCollum	Poulsbo, WA, United States	2015-03-03
Adam Weber	Hood River, OR, United States	2015-03-03
Collin Gross	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-03
vanetta laret	Big Pine, CA, United States	2015-03-03
Sera Wang	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-03
Sarah Bishop	North Bend, WA, United States	2015-03-03
Chantal Buslot	Hasselt, TX, United States	2015-03-03
Tammy DeCoteau	Kingston, WA, United States	2015-03-03
Kirstin Gruver	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-03
Traci Ives	Suquamish, WA, United States	2015-03-03
Steven Moe	Kingston, WA, United States	2015-03-03
Vanessa Castle	Port Angeles, WA, United States	2015-03-03
Phil Katzen	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-03
Darrell Phare	Bellingham, WA, United States	2015-03-03
Sarah Lippek	Belmont, WA, United States	2015-03-04
Takuya Curtis	Bellevue, WA, United States	2015-03-04
Pauline Salgado	Bellevue, WA, United States	2015-03-04

Name	Location	Date
Kity Yuen	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-04
Angelina McMillan-Major	Bellevue, WA, United States	2015-03-04
Edward Laurson	Denver, CO, United States	2015-03-04
Renee Veregge	Kingston, WA, United States	2015-03-04
Alex Becker	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-04
Marco Rosaire Rossi	Olympia, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Catherine Pagano	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Tyler Morse	Tacoma, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Susan Ann Welsh	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Leander Yazzie	Tacoma, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Leonie George	Kent, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Jeff Ferguson	Beaver, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Mary McHale	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Mary Lindeblad-Fry	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Riya Kuo	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Ryan Qualls	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Holly Sprague	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Amory Ballantine	Olympia, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Vivien Sharples	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Cammie Carl	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-05
brian simpson	Tempe, AZ, United States	2015-03-05
Kathryn Grubbs	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-05
Ellen French	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-06
Vaughn Eide	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-06
Nicole Tillotson	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-06
Natasha Alphonse	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-06
Michael Tulee	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-06
Andrea Alexander	Alhambra, CA, United States	2015-03-06
Susan Balbas	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-06
Kathi Linquist	Bothell, WA, United States	2015-03-06
Deyo Esquirel	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-06
Alyssa London	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-06

Name	Location	Date
Kyle Slancy	Port Orchard, WA, United States	2015-03-06
Eric Jensen	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-07
Zephyr Mattinson	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-07
Susan Parr	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-08
Robert Gabriel	Olympia, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Jonas Clark-Elliott	Renton, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Christopher John	Lynnwood, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Catherine Ross	Edmonds, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Harwinder Singh	tukwila, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Daniel Emmons	Port Orchard, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Kathryn McNellis	Port Orchard, WA, United States	2015-03-09
j pond	covington, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Tara Price	Tacoma, WA, United States	2015-03-09
jeanette mihelich	Kent, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Subbu Kandikatu	Bothell, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Heather Hall	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Melissa Topacio Long	Bellingham, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Arthur Wilson	Everett, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Nick Lamphier	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Nathan Gray	Mountlake Terrace, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Claire Downhour	Des Moines, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Emi Phillips	Lynnwood, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Jessica D	Everett, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Kristen Parsons	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Rhonda Cavanaugh	Des Moines, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Susan Skinner	Piyallup, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Kristina Peterson	Mill creek, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Andrea Speed	Tacoma, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Graham Stockdale	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Shelly Bobb	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Catherine Young	Puyallup, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Linda Mattox	Spokane, WA, United States	2015-03-09

Name	Location	Date
Addie Nakamura	Bellevue, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Rachel Gardner	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-09
brandon Murphy	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Scott Bohart	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-09
nicole turley	enumclaw, WA, United States	2015-03-09
SANDIA Slaby	Olympia, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Brittany Chauvin-Mead	seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Nicolas Richards	VANCOUVER, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Joshua Pappas	Vancouver, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Teresa Jones	SEATTLE, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Fred Bichl	Yakima, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Heather Brown	Vancouver, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Marshall Soul	Port Hadlock, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Al Armstrong	Yakima, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Nancy Pare	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Alden Nagel	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Ichun Lin	Lynnwood, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Mason Frichette	Sequim, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Edy Kizaki	BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Michael von Sacher-Masoch	Everett, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Michael Riley	Tacoma, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Allias Krohn	Puyallup, WA, United States	2015-03-09
ernest tamura	port orchard, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Kenneth Joy	Greenacres, WA, United States	2015-03-09
christophe caballero	Ridgefield, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Michelle Mayo	Snohomish, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Becky Elfert	Anacortes, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Devon Van Alyne	West Richland, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Evie Browne	Kennewick, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Ryan Hartwell	Carnation, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Dr Copas	Medina, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Leslie Sherman	Kirkland, WA, United States	2015-03-09

Name	Location	Date
Willie Edwards	Tacoma, WA, United States	2015-03-09
John Cloo	Mount Vernon, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Tyrone Leach	Tacoma, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Mark Hoshi	Vashon, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Bethany Novak	Lake Stevens, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Clair Cain	Cusick, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Suzanne Scollon	Seattle, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Chellvie Brooks	Renton, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Mihrimah Pichora	Kent, WA, United States	2015-03-09
Jerry Hines	Anderson Island, WA, United States	2015-03-09
MALCOLM AW	BELLEVUE, WA, United States	2015-03-09

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Timothy McLaughlin	Spokane, WA	2015-03-02	I am signing this petition because my family of four eats fish at least once a week. However, during some months we eat fish multiple times a week.
Rory O'Rourke	Bainbridge Island, WA	2015-03-02	I care about the health and well being of tribes as well as the health of natural resources for all Washingtonians.
Steve Robinson	Olympia, WA	2015-03-02	Because although I am supportive of a healthy economy I realize that a truly healthy economy is a sustainable economy. That means our businesses and industries MUST make whatever changes are necessary to assure we have a clean environment. We can no longer compromise the health of our children or the health of our fish, wildlife and ecosystem (ALL of which ARE interconnected) for the sake of short term profits. The FCR must be raised in this state (175 gpd minimum) and it is absolutely wrong to raise cancer risks, even if there is a plan to replace toxic chemicals one at a time. We have got to be better stewards of the environment than that if we hope to meet the many challenges we face, ranging from non-point pollution and industrial discharge to climate change and ocean acidification.
Margaret Babayan	Seattle, WA	2015-03-02	I am a Washingtonian who eats well over one serving of fish a month, and I would hope that state water quality standards would protect those like me. More importantly, I am particularly concerned about the disparate health impacts a low fish consumption rate and a tenfold increase to the risk of cancer brings to Native Americans and Asian and Pacific Islander communities in the state. It is time for the Department of Ecology to recognize the right for all people to live in conditions that promote health. For tribal populations living within the borderlines that are now the State of Washington, the right to health and subsistence is synonymous with and simultaneously dependent upon the preservation of unique treaty-reserved rights to fish. I urge you to recognize the importance of this issue as one of human rights and health equity and, consequently, (1) raise the FCR to 6.5g/day and (2) reject the proposed change to our Cancer Risk Level from one in a million to one in a 100,000.
Rogina Beckwith	Kingston, WA	2015-03-02	I support the State's proposal to increase the fish consumption rate to one fish meal per day (and to reject the tenfold increase to our cancer risk level). please advance health equity.
Kerstin Powell	Kingston, WA	2015-03-03	I eat a lot of fish and I was diagnosed and treated for breast cancer. I don't want to go through cancer treatment again. Please keep the fish safe to eat!
Paul McCollum	Poulsbo, WA	2015-03-03	If we don't get ahead of this, it will be only ten years or so before no fish or shellfish are even safe to eat at all. Lets get this addressed now.
Tammy DeCoteau	Kingston, WA	2015-03-03	I am a Native American Indian and as so, eating fish is one of our main source of food; along with shellfish. I urge you to reject the tenfold increase for the health and safety of our children, our future, our human race.
Kirstin Gruver	Seattle, WA	2015-03-03	I'm signing because water is a natural resource that we cannot replenish and once it is polluted and contaminated, you cannot cost-effectively fix it. Moreover, water quality is essential for every single citizen in this state. It cross all socio-economic divides and it's something that we all need to survive. Destroying our water destroys our way of life, the food we eat, and what it means to live healthy.

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Steven Moe	Kingston, WA	2015-03-03	I live on Hood Canal. We can still eat from the sea in my neighborhood. It needs to stay that way forever. Fish consumption rates need to be realistic and promote the benefits of eating seafood, for harvesters, locavores, and general consumers alike. Adjusting the cancer risk level is not protective of human health or water quality.
vanessa castle	Snohomish, WA	2015-03-03	I consume fish at least twice a week if not more.
Phil Katzen	Seattle, WA	2015-03-03	I eat at least 5 servings of fish per week, and often well above that. Increasing the fish consumption rate while at the same time allowing a ten-fold increase in the cancer risk is a bad joke; it does nothing to provide additional necessary protection for people who include fish in their diet. The change in cancer risk levels should be rejected.
Darrell Phare	Bellingham, WA	2015-03-03	Current standards and current WA policies and ways of doing business regarding the environment and natural resources of WA do not pay adequate respect to tribal treaties and their right to co-manage these resources and rights retained by them via the treaties.
Angelina McMillan-Major	Bellevue, WA	2015-03-04	I like to eat fish and don't want to get sick.
Renee Veregge	Kingston, WA	2015-03-04	I support the proposed,"Reject Increased Cancer Risk Level; New Fish Consumption Rate. Protect our people!
Alex Becker	Seattle, WA	2015-03-04	Health is a human right.
Zephyr Mattinson	Seattle, WA	2015-03-07	Part of the state's job is keeping all of its residents safe. Washingtonians deserve to have their health protected, and many of us eat more than 1 fish per month! Please adopt a standard that is much more reflective of Washington residents' habits and update our regulations accordingly.
Christopher John	Lynnwood, WA	2015-03-09	The people should be given clean water
Willie Edwards	Tacoma, WA	2015-03-09	Reject Increased Cancer Risk Level; Approve New Fish Consumption Rate!
Suzanne Scollon	Seattle, WA	2015-03-09	I'm a cancer survivor who loves fish, but I will not eat it every day.
John Kersting	Olympia, WA	2015-03-09	I eat a LOT of fish and like native people, you are not protecting just the average consumer but the commonly eating elevated people. How much smoked salmon, rockfish and tuna gets eaten in WA- a LOT. Protect us!!!
Russell La Claire	Des Moines, WA	2015-03-09	My Grandchildren do not need lower standards. Thank You!!
Peter Walchenbach	Sequim, WA	2015-03-09	My family eats local fish often and my community harvests fish for sustenance and income.
Mayellen Henry	Bellevue, WA	2015-03-09	Why would we want to weaken our environmental laws when the hazards are increasing daily?
Nina Osberg	Olympia, WA	2015-03-09	Is it any wonder that our state has the highest number of women with breast cancer in the Nation?
Iuliana Petre	Vancouver, WA	2015-03-09	I live in WA.
Robin Richardson	Olympia, WA	2015-03-09	Please be truthful with those living/eating seafood. Let the highest standard prevail and use it to your advantage to attract/keep the type of people you want in your state. Respect what is right.
Barbara Wilhite	Bremerton, WA	2015-03-09	Why increase the consumption of fish? Many kinds of fish are polluted. Makes no sense at all.
Anthony Buch	oak harbor, WA	2015-03-09	I Want save food
Jeanine Cardiff	Port Angeles, WA	2015-03-09	I live in Washington. I eat fish.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Peter van der Ven	Seattle, WA	2015-03-09	As a healthcare professional, I care very much about the health of our state's citizens. Condoning a proposal that increases our cancer risk is just wrong.
Penny Lewis	Seattle, WA	2015-03-09	It makes sense to me to change the standards once we have cleaned up the water these fish swim in and thus decrease the chances that they will cause cancer in those who dine on them.
Cathy Miler	Shoreline, WA	2015-03-09	I'd rather be safe than dead
Jill Bremer	Chehalis, WA	2015-03-09	I care about our health, water quality, a and eating fish
Irene Bensinger	Eatonville, WA	2015-03-09	This issue is crucial for our Native American citizens who rely heavily on salmon.
Marilyn Overton	Edmonds, WA	2015-03-09	I care about improved health for all.
Myunghee O	Mukilteo, WA	2015-03-09	Oh my!!!
Timm Trust	Tacoma, WA	2015-03-09	Your "freedom" to make money shouldn't stand in the way of citizens' freedom to live a full life without corporations poisoning the water
Laura Kiely	Seattle, WA	2015-03-09	Everyone deserves to live a cancer free life. Our lives are worth more than somebody else's bottom line.
Flavia Bibby	Roleystone, WA	2015-03-09	States need to maintain current more protective risk level
Gavin Green	Bainbridge Island, WA	2015-03-09	I'm signing this because as a man who was infected with HIV, and Hepatitis C from the American blood supply, and subsequently watched hundreds of fellow Hemophiliac's die, due to the US FDA not ensuring the blood supply was safe - 1 of their mandates, I will no longer be quiet when I see a governmental agency, who's ONLY reason for existance is to insure safety of the environment for citizens of this country, to blatantly fail to carry out it's responsibility, perhaps the Republicans are right, we should abolished the useless EPA, since they always side with big business , less protection for citizens anyway. Sincerely, Gavin Green
Sean Pedersen	Issaquah, WA	2015-03-09	If we recognize the real cost of fossil fuel use and force polluters (coal plants, etc.), to correctly manage their toxic wastes, then non-polluting sources will become more of a value, and the environment will be cleaner. We should do it for ourselves, and we should do it for our children.
Donna West	Shoreline, WA	2015-03-09	I want my family to stay and be healthy and know our water is safe!
Danny Dwinell	Shoreline, WA	2015-03-09	Outrageous.
Lehman Holder	Vancouver, WA	2015-03-09	Increased risk of developing cancer is completely unacceptable.
Michael Phoenix	Seattle, WA	2015-03-09	I don't consider myself a huge fish consumer. I eat sushi when I can afford to. I love a good salmon fillet in season. And I try to eat fish a couple of times a week for good health. Which means that I'm eating something like 10 times the amount of fish that pollution standards are based on. Those standards are ridiculous. Let's replace them with realistic standards that protect our health.
Nic Little	seattle, WA	2015-03-09	I'm signing because my six year old twins love fish.
Nancy Barr	Seattle, WA	2015-03-09	I eat fish regularly and want to be sure I stay healthy.
Rick Eichstaedt	Spokane, WA	2015-03-09	We deserve fishable, swimmable lakes and rivers in Washington.
Linda Gruer	Shelton, WA	2015-03-09	We must hold our standards and stay away from a slippery slope. We already have a potential increased risk from Fukushima. We need to eat more fish, but it needs to be safe.

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Harriet Kuhnlein	Anacortes, WA	2015-03-09	We need standards that protect the fish as well as those of us who consume fish regularly.
Jerry Davis	Bellingham, WA	2015-03-09	The state needs to make sure they drink all water they are not protecting before feeding it to anyone else. Anyway, it all about the money. Anymore the Gov't. can be bought off just like all the rest of the money whores.
Randi Pewzner	Seattle, WA	2015-03-09	Would be nice if we could get rid of fluoridation, also.
Pamel Stewart	Snoqualmie, WA	2015-03-09	I'm signing because I want to help decrease the risks of cancer.
Paul James	bellingham, WA	2015-03-09	We all have a right to health and clean water, so do fish, and our children.
Marion Clair	Port Townsend, WA	2015-03-09	My husband is an avid and successful sport fisherman. We do eat the fish he catches several times a week all year long. The thought of our cancer risk increasing because the fish we consume are surrounded by waters with even higher levels of toxic chemicals than those are allowed now, is alarming and infuriating because it is AVOIDABLE!
sandy valencour	auburn, WA	2015-03-09	I LIVE IN WA STATE AND HAVE WATCHED OUR CLEAN LAKES, STREAMS AND CREEKS TURN DIRTY AND CLOUDY, OUR FISH IS CONTAMINATED, TOO DIRTY TO EAT. LET'S BECOME THE FIRST STATE IN THE UNION TO TURN ALL OF OUR STATE GREEN AND CLEAN!
Elena Mironenko	Vancouver, WA	2015-03-09	It is necessary to limit pollution and toxins Humans are exposed to. Where do these policy makers feel anything otherwise is humane.
Peggy Kurtz	Everett, WA	2015-03-09	I enjoy eating fish, like to buy local, and don't want to worry about it
Kristi Hendrickson	Seattle, WA	2015-03-09	I eat fish.
James Julien	Port Townsend, WA	2015-03-09	I want the state to require high quality water standards.
Steven Brown	Sequim, WA	2015-03-09	Lowering the water quality standards to benefit big business is a mistake. They have no one's health concerns in mind, only profits. Health is priceless. Reject the water quality change in favor of human health.
Seabron Page	Seattle, WA	2015-03-09	If fish is the better consumption for daily protein needs, then why not improve the environment for dietary intake?