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I moved to WA (Birch Bay) in April of 1992 & I didn't know much about the Evergreen State. The learning process has been painful- from the damming of the Columbia & the destruction of salmon runs to the unforgivable capture of the orcas to the clear-cutting of almost all the old-growth forest - the crimes committed against Nature here are capital offenses. I recently learned of the DOE & the State Supreme Court teaming up to crush democracy in Wahkiakum County; the citizens had the nerve to ban the spreading of sewage sludge on their land; I was under the false impression that pre-emption only happened in red states. And I learned about the state's own abysmal treatment of the Native Americans, & the Boldt decision & back to the salmon again.

I had no idea the state was stupid & greedy enough to allow Atlantic salmon CAFOs into the Salish Sea, until the recent collapse of one of the disgusting fish farm pens. I hope the state has smartened up & will get rid of them. So now I'm reading about this sewage discharge-free zone, & the 1st thing that occurs to me is -has the state has been letting ships dump their dung in the Salish Sea until now? This "big step" is a no-brainer, but the zone is too small. It should be extended to all fresh waters & 200 miles out to sea. Or dump it off Victoria, B.C. I thought Black Water was a cool song by the Doobie Brothers, not a crappy euphemism.

I hope the DOE does the right thing here, the rulings on the Millennial Bulk Terminal coal heap permits have given me some hope that WA state can be an example of a place that protects its natural resources, what is left of the original bounty that is, & values Nature & people above corporations. Thank you for taking my comment. Mike Sennett, Bellingham