

Man: Well, it seems like the elephant in the room is stationary projects off the coast of Washington. And to assume that this isn't going to have an impact on fisheries no matter how your charts and what not lay this out that you're using for reference and the hot spots where the fishing are. Fish move, salmon, albacore, all these other things. And so you can't define an area. You may define an area where a particular group of fishermen like draggers will find that that's the most productive areas to fish. But that doesn't mean that those fish don't travel up and down the coast. And so I noticed on your charts that you had these areas all marked out where this was the preferred place. And I think that's an error.

Another thing is - it came up in the questions and answers - was the department of ecology is presently promoting net pens and estuaries in Grays Harbor and [inaudible]. And it seems that this is putting the cart before the horse. I don't think the department of ecology should be doing this in this way. The basic design of what we're trying to accomplish here is to be able to protect and look into the ramifications of these types of projects where you put them in. Definitely the estuaries are part of this thing. And I think the department of ecology should not be promoting these kinds of things without this whole project in place. This is putting the cart before the horse. I think it's wrong.

One other thing that I'd like to bring up is that with a wind farm or anything that's anchored to the bottom, it forbids any type of fishing to be carried on. And the whole areas we're talking about, an eventual project or projects that would take up miles and miles of coastline. And what I'm afraid of is that the proponents for these projects are going to use this thing, basically their own project, as mitigation. And I think this should be looked at ahead of time because obviously, if you can't fish in an area, you've established another marine sanctuary. And so this should not offset or be allowed to offset anything that happens when they take this kind of area out of production. Pacific County's very dependent on its marine resources and the people that use these things haven't been given a fair shake in the past. We've always been the ones that have lost out. I just don't want to see that happen again.

Oh, my name - Dick Sheldon incidentally. Willapa Resources.