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I strongly urge the EPA to approve the recommendations put forward in this report and begin implementation of the measures without delay.

I am 67 years old. If only my generation had listened to Rachel Carson in the 60's and Bill McKibben in the 80's, and how many others that I don't even know about. If only we had acted then on what they discovered and predicted. Decades lost. Species lost. I am so sorry we didn't do better. We've been living beyond our means – beyond the ability of this beautiful planet to heal itself and support the inconceivably diverse, magnificent life forms that grace us.

The salmon didn't cause this problem. We did. The salmon can't fix this problem. We can – at least we can start by restoring the habitat that is essential to their survival.

Approve these measures. Act now. Do more. Not for me, but for the salmon and for our future generations so that they may experience at least some of the beauty and bounty of this land that my generation so casually squandered. I am so sorry we didn't do better.