

Alan Bogner: I, again, am Alan Bogner, the hearings officer for this public hearing. This evening, we are conducting a hearing on the draft permits for four Atlantic salmon net pen aquaculture facilities. Let the record show that it is 7:18 on February 5, 2019 and this hearing is being held at the Anacortes Library, 1220 10th Street, Anacortes, Washington. I have to read some legal notices. Notices of the hearing were emailed on two occasions to 1,189 interested people. A news release announcing the comment period was issued on December 27, 2018. And notice of the applications were published in the Kitsap Sun and the Skagit Valley Herald on October 25, 2018. I will now be calling people to provide testimony based on order that you raise your hand. Once everyone who has indicated that they would like to testify has had the opportunity, I will open it up for others. Remember, comments should be about four minutes. At the three and a half minute mark, I will alert you so that you have 30 seconds left. And this is your cue to wrap up your comments so that the next person can testify. When we call your name, it will be your turn to testify. Please come down here, take a seat, state your name for the record. And if you haven't given us your contact information, please do so. You can also provide this information after the hearing. Please speak clearly and not too fast so that we can get a good recording of your testimony. So we're going to begin with the first person that raises their hand that wants to testify. Sir?

Brian Wetcher: I'm Brian Wetcher, 814 26th Street in Anacortes. I would urge that the permit only be continued for the length of time for the fish that are existing in the pens now mature and that after that, the permit only be continued for proper closure procedures. Thank you very much.

Alan Bogner: Thank you, Brian. Sir, come on down. Hey, what's your name?

Tom Glade: My name is Tom Glade. I am representing Evergreen Analysis this evening. And we are concerned primarily with the survivability of Chinook salmon fingerlings that come out of Skagit Bay and pass by the Hope Island Fish Farm and that they can track some sort of disease or parasite in their passage. And ultimately, we are concerned with the survival of the southern resident killer whales who depend on the Chinook. So we will be submitting more detailed comments before the comment period ends. Thank you.

Alan Bogner: Thank you. Anyone else like to comment? Yes, sir. Come on down.

Burt Suwade: My name is Burt Suwade, 908 31st Street Anacortes, Washington. And I'm disappointed that it took a disaster at Cyprus Island to initiate improved restrictions. But I am glad to see what the Department of Ecology has come up with and I approve of what they're doing. Thank you.

Alan Bogner: Thank you for your comments. Is there anyone else who wishes to provide testimony? Okay, I will repeat one more time, if you would like to send written comments, please remember, gotta have 'em by midnight February 25, 2019. You can send them via US mail postmarked by that same date, 2/25/19 or

online as Laurie showed you using our ecomment form. Please remember to give us your contact information if you want to receive updates on the process. All testimony received will be part of the official hearing record for this proposal. This includes testimony at the webinar hearing last week, tonight's public hearing, and the one this Thursday on Bainbridge Island, along with all written comments received by midnight February 25. Ecology will send a notice about the response to comments publication to everyone who provided written comments or oral testimony on these draft permits and submitted contact information. Everyone who sent a mailing or email address to staff will also receive the response to comments as will other interested parties currently on the agency's mailing list for these draft permits. The response to comments document will contain the agency's response to questions and issues of concern that were submitted during the public comment period. If you would like to receive a copy but did not give us your information, please contact Lori or Rich. And finally, after the comment period, the next step is to review the comments and make a determination whether to reissue the permit. Ecology Southwest Regional Water Quality Manager Rich Doenges will consider the permit documentation, staff recommendations, and will make a decision about issuing the permit. Permit reissuance is currently scheduled for spring of this year. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to ask. You can contact Laurie or Rich if you have any other questions. Again, on behalf of the Washington State Department of Ecology, thank you for participating. I greatly appreciate your cooperation and your courtesy. Let the record show that this hearing is adjourned at 7:24 pm, February 5, 2019.

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