

WA Dept. of Ecology's Draft EIS and Short-Term Modification to Total Dissolved Gas Criteria
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Oral Testimony from Ninette Jones, on behalf of the Sea Lion Defense Brigade

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Thank you for allowing me to come speak today. My name is Ninette Jones. I am with Sea Lion Defense Brigade.

I am in support of more spill over the dams to improve the outflow migration for juvenile smolt. What we know is that predation is the highest as juvenile smolts are pushed downstream to their ocean habitat. So what we know that behind the dams are full of walleye, bass, shad, pike minnow, yellow perch, all these nonnative fish -- excuse me -- excluding the pike minnow -- the nonnative fish that have been stuck there for sport fishing that now predate heavily on these juvenile smolts who are stuck in algae-filled warm, slack, lake-filled reservoirs, warm, algae-filled reservoirs behind the dam.

So increasing spill would push these -- aid these smolts who do not swim to the sea but rely on cold-flowing water to push them to the sea. That is my testimony.