

So I'm Dave Gering. I'm the Executive Director of the Manufacturing Industrial Council of Seattle. We will be providing written input at the end of the month. We do really appreciate how open DOE has been to discussing this issue with us to this point.

Boy, it's hard to capture all of this so I'm going to try to get some really big ideas. The -- to look at this from the perspective of the industrial community, where we're largely being asked to cure a sort of universal problem because of the historic development patterns that our members and like companies are on the water so now they are supposed to take care of everybody's problem kind of has created a real challenge for people as this has moved forward. I think there is right now some really good buy-in for trying to do this in a more successful way that really results in more compliance.

We made quite a study here this year of all of the DOE records in the PARIS system for the year 2017 and how permittees fared in Seattle. And it's really disconcerting to look at that if you're a layperson in terms of what minor exceedance there might be that triggers a system that truly our state doesn't have control over, although you have responsibility, because of the third party lawsuits under CWA.

So in our written statement, we're going to express a very sincere willingness to collaborate on this. We've already been working with partners in organized labor, in the environmental community. One real hidden strength that not everybody is aware of is the financial value of salmon is a huge maybe underappreciated asset in all of this. And that we have got many of our members can tell you how valuable those fish are financially. Their value is only growing. A lot of people may not be dialed into. About three or four years ago the world passed the point where we ate more farm grazed fish than wild fish and our seafood industry in this city mostly have been absolute geniuses at marketing wild Alaska seafood. And to buy copper river salmon next to Larsen's Bakery in Royal Heights up off of Ballard for Mother's Day. Copper river salmon, 54 bucks a pound. That's an asset I think to all of us, because at the end of the day, and I'm just guessing here as a long-time person involved in these issues, some day we're going to do something like the Rick Martinez court ruling and we are going to wind up doing damn near every culvert. I've lived here my whole life. I know this community politically. We are going to do that for salmon.

So the sooner we get kind of a realistic grasp of what does cleanup really mean, how do we get to compliance, some of this is incredibly hard. We've got good partners. We have critical private sector technical expertise, public sector expertise. And I think a real desire to help Maia Bellon and the rest of the state really try to figure out a better system for stormwater management than the one we have now.