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Ecology must consider how a variance will impact the ability to meet the Spokane Tribe's Water Quality Standards (for poly chlorinated biphenyls or PCBs). Ecology cannot take action that will cause or contribute to a violation of the Tribe's standards.

Ecology must address issues of environmental justice -- who is eating fish and how will they be impacted by a decision to weaken the water quality standard for PCBs? 5) Will the variance disproportionately impact Native Americans or other fishing and minority communities?