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So first of all, I raise my hands to the Puyallup Tribe. The Puyallup Tribe has been leading. There is a tiny, tiny piece of land that's right across the river from the illegal facility that PSE is currently building on the tide flats. I don't know if you've seen it. It's a huge white metal drum that they are building without permits. They are not allowed to build this facility. The facility they got permits for is not the facility they are building. Everybody knows it. And everybody says, "Oh, but that's not my jurisdiction. I can only look at this tiny little bit of things. And oh, I can't talk to that person who have the other tiny little bit of information that put together would tell me this is a very bad thing. But - but we're not going to say that because I'm not allowed to look at the part of the problem that makes it terrible."

So you have been very good to us. You have listened. But you have also admitted with your face out, because it's not your fault, that you're not allowed to refuse a permit even that you haven't verified in 11 years, that the only jurisdiction and authority you have is to allow the permit no matter what. If the other industries do it, whatever those people do, it's legit and you can't stop them. And oh, you're going to test about cumulative effect and maybe see if there's adverse effects. I will tell you about adverse effect. I will tell you about cumulative. 100 years ago they exported one million skins of grizzly bear from the Pacific Northwest. A hundred years ago there was enough salmon in the water to feed a million grizzly bears and hundreds and hundreds of uncounted hundreds of orcas, who were shot from fishing boats for vermin because they were competing with humans for the fish. 50 years ago you could cross the Puyallup River on the back of the fish swimming back up. Now in four years, four years, the fisheries will close because there is no more fish. The orcas are starving. Three of them starved to death this summer. There are 73 left, of all that uncounted hundreds. That's cumulative.

What's going to be cumulative in 50 years? "Be reasonable, Billy. You can't play outside without your gas mask. Be reasonable, Billy. Don't take your pillows in there. Do you want to go to the hospital?"

What is normal? What are we getting used to? 18 months. 18 months. We have 18 months to not lose. We're already losing. We're losing the giraffes. We're losing the koalas. We're losing the bugs. We're losing the insects, people. We're losing the water. What is normal?

Oh, we can't filter this water that we dirty because . . .

Because why?

Because it would eat into our profit. Because we would make slightly less money. And the more things die, the more money you make. Don't you understand that's what matters? Don't you understand that money is life?" That - that's what we have to sit here and . . .The water. The water is not even drinkable anymore. Of course it kills the fish. Of course the starfish are melting all up and down the west coast. We are dying. We are dying. And you are not allowed to refuse a permit to people who will - who probably are already spewing 17 kinds of nasties right - right into the Sound.

And "Oh yeah, we're going to make a committee to see what we can do to save the orcas, but we won't take down the dam because 12 people are objecting to that. And we won't stop the oil factories because - well, because they make money. They won't let us stop them. We can't do anything. They are making money."

Well, water is life. Come to life. Dump the oil. Thank you.