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Dear Ms. Braley,

I am writing out of concern for the various proposals being considered for increasing the number of salmon in the Snake and Columbia Rivers in particular to increase the orca recovery in the south Puget Sound. As you know the orca are in good health around the world. It is just this particular pod that is struggling.

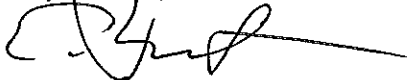
It is very difficult to think that you really are willing to look at all possible ways to increase the salmon population when sea lions are allowed to eat to their fill for so many months of the year. Allowing just a few hundred of them to be killed each year is ludicrous. Kill them all! There is no shortage. By not seriously addressing the massive number of salmon that sea lions eat it is as if you are choosing which animals or sea life, in this example, you want to survive.

How about the ships in the sound? The sounds from them is known to be very disruptive to orcas. But that would disrupt the economy. Well so would taking out 4 massive concrete dams!

Killing sea lions may be unpopular in your part of the state but it is much more logical than removing our dams. And the past efforts such as hauling them to California are ludicrous.

I appreciate your consideration.

Very sincerely,



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