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Our iconic, but critically endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales must be saved. Thirty years ago, after only a single oil spill by the Exxon Valdez in Prince William Sound, two pods of very different killer whale groups crashed suddenly and simultaneously after only one obvious disturbance to their environment. For further specifics, I invite your attention to NOAA Office of Response and Restoration, "More Than Two Decades Later, Have Killer Whales Recovered from the Exxon Valdez Spill?" issued March 23, 2012. Ecology must strengthen the contingency plan. We must have a fast, aggressive, and complete recovery. I respectfully urge you to craft a plan which assures the sustainability of our Southern Resident Killer Whales. We must not be content with a lax plan which drives our iconic orcas to extinction.