

# Bill Sampson

Public testimony provided 9/17/19.

Hi. My name is Bill Sampson, and I volunteer with various environmental groups in Seattle. Thank you for giving the opportunity to testify today and the -- I learned a lot from the Q&A and the presentation. I think I'm not an expert on these kinds of things, but I have learned and studied some emergency, you know, responses to various oil spills and other, you know, natural disasters have happened in the U.S. and your plan on paper, I think, as far as I can tell there's, you know, in terms of the timeline seem good, but I'm concerned that the fossil fuel industry has a long history of poorly communicating and being dishonest with the public and government agencies, and it seems like there is a potential big problem if, you know, there is a spill and conditions aren't ideal and if, you know, the person who spilled the oil poorly communicates or isn't totally honest about what's happening, that that could greatly hamper the efforts to prevent devastating damage.

And the, you know, the oil spills when they get to a certain point they become impossible to clean up if you miss certain benchmarks and timelines. And there is so many species in Washington State especially the salmon and the orca that are already, you know, critically endangered without an oil spill and, so that's, those are my main concerns about, you know, what happens if there is a worst-case scenario and the impacts of that. Thank you.