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I'm Ann Littlewood from Portland Oregon, the other side of the Columbia. Thank you for your excellent presentation, your careful work, and what I took to be kind of a sense of optimism about your rulemaking. I hope you will hear and follow the suggestions to strengthen your plan. But I'd like to step outside your narrow lane just a bit here. We know spills will happen. We know the fossil fuel companies are untrustworthy and will evade financial and other responsibilities if they can. It has been pretty well demonstrated and no matter the booms, skimmers, detergents and birdwashers, we really can't clean up an oil spill completely. Or even perhaps in the majority. Much of these toxins will affect us and our environment for the indefinite future. It's a classic case of public loss, risk and expense for private profit. The only solution is keep these fuels in the ground and find, and move to a safer and wiser source of energy. I think we all know that. I just feel that it needs to be said at any hearing regarding the infrastructure and accoutrements of the fossil fuel industry. Thank you.