

## San Juan Preservation Trust

Hello, my name is Elaina Thompson and I am the Vendovi Island caretaker for the San Juan Preservation Trust. If you hear my daughter in the background, I apologize, she is with me in this meeting. So I'm the caretaker, and I've been asked to represent the Trust in this matter and similar to Rein's suggestions, we, on Vendovi Island witness tanker traffic every single day outside. We see violent conditions. And we have a really important interest in conserving the ecology around this island, and the ecology of our waterways. And our primary concern that I wanted to advocate and testify for was the oil transfer operations and the loophole that allows transfers at 500 gallons per minute or less to occur without pre-booming. The San Juan Preservation Trust would like to advocate that the rules be considered to just require pre-booming for the same reasons. You know it's safer and more efficient and less cost effective to do that versus the, apologies, versus the opposite, which is having to clean up a spill. I think there's also additional wording that allows no pre-booming in the instance of weather conditions and I don't think those weather conditions are outlined clearly other than if they're too bad to pre-boom and I guess we also ask the question if it's not weather allowed to pre-boom than oil transfers might be a dangerous thing in that kind of weather as well. I think if this wording were considered, or this rule was considered to require pre-booming, it would encourage industry to look into new technology that might be more efficient than pre-booming. We understand that that's very time consuming and it's very labor intensive to pre-boom every time transfers occur, but as technology increases, as the demand for technology goes up to make things more efficient, it helps everyone in protecting our environment. And I appreciate you letting me speak and being patient with my daughter in the background. And thank you guys for having this hearing and for spending all the time re-wording all of this and doing all of the rulemaking. I know it's a laborious process and we appreciate your efforts. Thank you.