David Scheer

Thank you sovery much for 'leading' a process with interested stakeholders to AMEND regulations associated with facility oil handling standards and vessel oil transfer advance notice ...PLUS containment requirements to implement ESHB 1578...which would REDUCE threats to southern resident killer whales by improving the safety of oil transportation!!

I VERY STRONGLY SUPPORT requiring additional seismic protection measures and retrofits for oil storage tanks and transfer pipelines...PLUS new decommissioning requirements for out of service oil storage tanks and oil transfer pipelines...PLUS additional advance notice of oil transfers....AND disclosure of the type, origin and characteristics of the crude oil being transferred! Get all of these done, would you?!?

IN ADDITION...this rulemaking should 'ALSO':

REQUIRE all new and existing containment structures---that prevent spilled oil from reaching the waters of the state---to withstand seismic forces!

REQUIRE 'all' oil transfer operations to be pre-boomed---when safe and effective to do so ---AND eliminate the Rate B loophole that allows oil transfers at 500 gallons per minute or less to occur without pre-booming!

RESTRICT 'all' oil transfer operations to daylight hours...PARTICULARLY when it's not safe and effective to pre-boom!

And...THANK YOU SO MUCH for your efforts to improve the safety of oil transportation in Washington State (!!)