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Both my husband and I are involved with protection of the Salish Sea, he as a citizen scientist with multiple activities in this area, myself as a board member of Evergreen Islands, an environmental group here in Anacortes. Both of us also volunteer for a Stormwater testing project with Friends of Skagit Beaches. It seems a logical step to establish adequate financial responsibilities in case of spills at pipelines, bulk oil handling facilities and refineries. Protection of the Salish Sea ecosystems has become more and more important as they come under increasing threat. Much more robust requirements than what are currently being proposed by Washington State Dept. of Ecology (DOE) are needed. (\$1 billion versus \$300 million and at least \$60,000.00 per barrel for tar sands products (known to be extremely dirty and difficult to clean up). Additionally, values recommended by DOE are reportedly based on 30 year-old information. Certainly more current information is needed. We ask that companies managing these oil products not be let off the hook for the impacts of any accidental, adverse events. Thanks for your time.