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I do not believe this draft should be allowed, as it poses a threat to the southern residents' ability to access food, which is crucial in maintaining populations above their current number of 94 [1,2]. While the proposal has a "fish tunnel" implemented, the efficacy of those can vary, and wildly depends on the type of fish[3].

[1] <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/mms.13012> Traditional summer habitat use by Southern Resident killer whales in the Salish Sea is linked to Fraser River Chinook salmon returns

[2] <https://cdnsiencepub.com/doi/full/10.1139/cjfas-2024-0262> Long-term biennial patterns in Puget Sound Chinook salmon and Southern Resident killer whales: the role of pink salmon and implications for ecosystem management

[3] <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/rra.1565> PERFORMANCE OF FISH PASSAGE STRUCTURES AT UPSTREAM BARRIERS TO MIGRATION