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Written Testimony Statement:

I support Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's proposal to revise state water quality standards based on a fish consumption rate of 175 grams per day. **Increasing the fish** consumption rate beyond the current, non-representative estimate will result in **reduced levels of toxic pollutants** that are regarded as "allowable" in state waters.

Oregon DEQ MUST adopt the revised 175 gram per day fish consumption rate and water quality standards based on it in order to protect All the People of Oregon, but most importantly the innocent, unborn children whose mothers enjoy the benefits of our fish and whose fathers & families have traditionally provided the sustenance of fish and other traditional foods for thousands of years. The great **Columbia 'Nchi Wana' River Basin** has been a spiritual gathering place, a place where families have traded, married, feasted and celebrated. It is our responsibility to stand to protect her great strength and beauty. Please join me in doing so.

I am Sincerely,

A wife, mother and grandmother of 8
Who all have fished and love to eat fish on a weekly basis!
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