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Honorable Representatives,

Before we consider permitting more pollution at Cherry Point, I urge you to ensure we make visible, substantial progress on restoring the herring populations that have been nearly decimated by activities conducted under prior permits.

Cherry Point herring once accounted for more than 60% of the herring fishery in all the Washington State waters of the Salish Sea. Herring are the foundation of healthy economies for salmon, orca and commercial fishers, to name just a few.

For millennia, salmon provided food security for our region. Jobs are important, but caution and restraint are warranted when permitting them can reduce other jobs, threaten entire industries, create food insecurities or adversely impact our iconic animal species.

Please use caution and restraint considering or permitting activities that create more pollution at Cherry Point. Please also consider making a restored herring population a prerequisite for industrial expansion at Cherry Point. Our corporate neighbors at Cherry Point should consider banding together to make successful restoration a demonstration of their environmental commitments. That little fish is a very big deal.

Thank you,
Tip Johnson