I1: Hi. Okay. So just to start off, biodiversity means different things to different people. It can be measured in a lot of different ways. It's kind of what we're trying to get at in this project. So just as a starting point, what does biodiversity mean to you?

BD083: I don't know exactly. I don't know exactly. Okay. Yeah.

I1: That's okay. So that's okay. Our a previous part of this project generalized these four key aspects of biodiversity in terms of how species can be considered. And so I just wanna see if these things resonate with you or if there are things that maybe are missing or or that we should be adding. Cool. And so we'll just go one by 1. So the first one is, species of conservation concern, harmful organisms, key food web supporting species, and habitat forming species. Okay. So do those things in terms of your fishing, and in terms of biodiversity, do you do any of those things, like, do those make sense? Yeah.

BD083: No. I I know. I've taken compared to salmon or codfish or or halibut. Yeah. I've got I see where you're going with that.

I1: Okay. Yeah. So let's we can talk a little bit more specifically. So are there specific habitat forming species that you think are important for, like, where fish are when you take people out on charter trips? Yeah.

BD083: Kelp beds should be, Kelp beds and eelgrass should always be a priority. Mhmm. Having said that, I don't think that eelgrass, for example, if you don't if Hood Canal, for example. Yeah. There's eelgrass, more eelgrass on the canal than the rest of the town in general. Having said that, you know, and they it needs to be protected. Having said that, for example, CBEC, Missouri Point, needed a boat launch for the access for general public. Yeah. Because it's 30 miles stretch of water with only a couple boat ramps, and there was an at the one boat launch, and they shortened that boat launch. And that was a all or nothing approach. That boat launch, remains, you know, almost unusual, and it was given up for eelgrass. And, because there's slight one patch of eelgrass on it. And the canal is, you know, roughly 200 miles of waterfront, and a 100 feet of eelgrass could be lot lost for that one purpose. And, and, and I thought that was that was too much too much take for the sake of saving eelgrass. Okay. Throwing the baby out of the bathwater, and and I think and, I come from a background of when you could limit out your boat on the Puget Sound from 40 years ago, and and to, you know, the pathetic fishing it is now. Having said that, I do understand that that 50 feet of eelgrass isn't gonna make the difference that, you know, that would have affected that. There's a 100 they could have chopped tribal gillnets off, and we would be we have a whole lot more salmon, and and we could still lose that eelgrass. Mhmm. I do remember about 20 years ago, however, having said that, 15, 20 years ago, the state let up on kelp collection, and that was a serious mistake. Kelp should not be kelp should not be harvested in the Puget Sound of Hood Canal. And, it's bad enough that there are other factors that will take out a kelp bed, but they're needed and so is the old grass. Mhmm. So I get that. It's a but, again, a small group should not have to pay for, you know, you know, a tribe or whatever. You know, gill netting, mass, thousands of fish. But, Anyway, so that's kind of my my feeling about that. Okay. The, you know, the species that, you know, allow for for that type of thing. Okay. True cod’s another, true cods's another animal that was destroyed by only a few at a time when they were starting to make a comeback, and that was that was sad. But I know we do they're not, attack the wisdom of tribal gillnetting.

I1: Okay. And then the next, bin of species is key food web supporting species. Mhmm.

BD083: Key food web supporting species, do you think of specific Like herring and sardines and Sure. Yeah. Yeah. No fish and everything? Yeah. Herring is a a a is a tough one. There's more enough herring at this point in time, and the bait bait fishing herring industry has been under attack. So you were talking about the bait fishing industry has taken a hit Yeah. Recently. Yeah. It's gotten harder and harder for them to do their job. And, and I would have to say in my personal my personal opinion, I think the numbers will bear it out, that the Washington State game department has done such a horrible job of management that people is after COVID have have given up to to the point where they can't be get sell fishing licenses as much. And I think they know this. And because they've been doing little things like opening up days here and there that aren't on the on the on the books to try and make people happy, but it's a little too little. Mhmm. Little too little too late. Example of that is the halibut helpers. 6 years ago, they they guaranteed they end on Puget Sound 4 days, and that was it for the whole year. And they said, we'll we'll revisit it. And last year and this year, they said they'll give you 2 months and 2 2 months of 5 days a week like it was 20 years ago. Mhmm. And this year, it was 7 days a week for 2 and a half months until the that's a big change. Yeah. 7 days a week for 2 and a half months versus 4 days. That gives you an idea where they're you know, how bad they and, of course, there was management personnel changeover. The person that had been fighting it the hardest was moved out of the picture, and, her associate took over and has done a great job Okay. On politics there. Okay. I am I'm not as salmon as a broad broad picture. Yeah. But, I was very I was very involved in the halibut for the longest time. In the last 20 years, last 5 years, I've my bad outlet other people took over, but I was I was involved in meetings when there was only 3 people there. Then saw meetings where there were a 100 people there screaming at each other.

I1: And then, harmful organisms is the other one. Is there is the other one. Is there, like, a big species of concern in that realm?

BD083: I think much to do about sea lions, and I don't think it's I don't think it's it's just it's the boogeyman. There's nothing wrong with sea lions being examined. If anything, they terrorize gillnets, and and there's I have no sympathy for gillnet. Gillnets were were outlawed in Russia, communist Russia 20 30 years ago, 40 years ago now. And, here, gillnets are a horrible thing, whether it be tribal or nontrivial. So sea lions mostly eat their salmon from there. Having said that, sea lions will certainly take a sportsman salmon on the line, but Right. That's a learned behavior. Okay. Other organisms that hurt our salmon, you know, first, you probably know that, you know, break linings have been known to do some damage to salmon. So, you know, the the runoff from the roads, I've seen that happen in Manchester. That's what they think the culprit was. That was good fishing, and and that was that was a tough tough call to try and stop that problem. I know salmon are gonna be very delicate when it comes to that. But other than, I guess you could, you know, some sea lions, and I don't think anything else is a serious predator to them.

I1: Okay. And then you've already started to bring some management up with the regulating of bait fishing permits and the, the kelp harvest and the changes in halibut season. Are there other big management policies in place, like specific policies that are impacting biodiversity whether directly or indirectly here? Or is it even, like, a direct consideration?

BD083: Oh, I would I think they the orca whale orca whales have been blown out of proportion. I think that's an overreach. Yeah. I do have a thought about that. Sure. Okay. So I've been on the sound for 50 years. Okay. I've had over 50 45 years. I've had over 50 years. I've had over 50 boats. Okay. I have been involved I have had orcas underneath my boat, alongside of my boat. I've been I've I've had them close enough I could have touched them, more over the years more times than I could count. I was here in 97 when, the orcas came into this bay right here, and this is a very interesting thing to look at. But if you wanna look at that history of that situation. Because in 97, a pod of orca whales came into this small bay in here and dies and and stayed a month. And they were breaching, and they were feeding on chum salmon, and there wasn't much. There were some restrictions, but there was nothing in play to and the general public overreacted. They got too close. They got, orcas orcas, when they see a kayak, they freak out because they don't sense it like a boat. They can feel the boat. They can feel the vibration. They feel the motor. They know it's but if they come up alongside of her, they freak out. They go down and they take off. And there were kayakers that were hurting the orcas, and it was terrible. And for for all the things that you hear now, you know, it was, you know, it was an absolute nightmare. Now having said that, Washington State and local NOAA, weather whale research post get way too close. And, you know, they they they demonize the whale watching industry. They demonize them for getting too close even though they are definitely following the guidelines because they got hefty $30,000 fine to pay if they did get a a I have seen a 19 foot zodiac with a black zodiac with a researcher. Heard 3 whales from, down the coast. It was called Port Orchard Boulevard in. And I've also seen them out in the Puget Sound where they were close enough to hit them with their propeller. And every time they came up, they come up close. Their their bag of bullshit is about collecting scat. But after after 4, 5 miles, half hour, 40 minutes of this crap, I call bullshit on them. I have no respect for the so called whale research elite, and I have no respect for what what they're standing for. And I have I don't have particular sympathy for the whale watching industry, you know, because it's kind of a gimmick and and but they're making a living. I'm not I'm not guessing it. Mhmm. And I do think that, you know, if there hadn't been Namu and Shamu. In the beginning Yeah. People in the rest of the country wouldn't get too damn close to bother the whales. They'd probably be extinct if it wasn't for the few. Yeah. And, but what I can tell you now if you're fishing, you might get a whale come up to the boat Okay. Not because he's after your food, but because they're curious they can do it whatever they did well, please Mhmm. But the rarity of that compared to what it used to be, you know, and and I'm not saying there's not nearly as many whales as there used to be. That's kind of bullshit too. Yeah. I see them just about as often. I won't see him for 6 months, and I'll see him every other day for the next 3 weeks in any one given area. And, I mean, when I was, a little bit of whale history that you probably don't know and you can take home with you is the very first was kept over there what we call, a point or a lighthouse point. It's it's a common name for it. And it was kept in at a bin there, and then it was kept in a a tank on in Seattle Aquarium. And my 6th grade class went over, and we actually pet the whales. And, the whale would stick its tongue out, and you could put your face against the very first Namu that was ever caught. The whole class was this was happening. It was a very first Namu, and, you know, I have pet an orca before. As a kid. And, of course, there were things wrong with that and everything else and the and the captivity and everything. But having said that, you know, all the things that went down in San Diego and up in Victoria and all over the world, that is where people got to appreciate them. And for sure, don't do it again. But, you know, what the orcas would be without a 100 a 100 or so orcas that were in captivity, no one would give a damn if they got their salmon. And, of course, in misinformation from the from the Orca networks I mean, from the, you you know, Orca huggers is disgusting. They don't talk about the fact that salmon isn't the only thing that orcas eat, and that one, you know, one group pod of orcas eats only salmon. Mhmm. I've, you know, I've seen, you know, the transient pod that eats seals. Mhmm. And I've watched them really eat seals. They eat deer. You know, certain seals oh, yeah. The ones that eat seals will eat deer. Because up and up and going up through the passage, when a when a deer is chased by an animal, a deer gets out too far and it can't see land, its head goes up, and they usually, you know, swim till they ground. And if an orca sees one of those, if you're up in the inside of Vancouver Island, because that's where that plot goes. Mhmm. Now they went down the Hood Canal. They took the population from an estimated 1500 seals to population from an estimated 1500 seals to 800 seals in a month. And the seals were and I I was I had in 2003. And, when they stopped doing solar testing on the Hood Canal, It'll stop using the sonar when the subs came in. Mhmm. Then finally came back. Now it was in the early 6 late sixties or early seventies. The bunker opened up, and that was in the orcas on the canal. They finally did that. Now orcas will come down. And those orcas came down and, you know, these seals had no predators. And, you you could you could walk up to the seals on the dock or on the beach, and they wouldn't get in the water. And, I I was at 3 Tree Point, which is, some no. Not 3 Tree Point. That, not Dash Point. Anyway, it's a deep water point, and there's 2 juvenile orcas playing with their boom as a seal. And, you know, I've taken people down to watch, and I I can't watch this. I can't watch this. But on the beach, there was a family with a couple of kids. You know, their orcas are gonna be able to hurt them, and and I'm sure they're not not breaking any laws by being in the beach. But the whale I mean, if you look at my beach line and you look at the little buoy right there, they were that close to the beach Mhmm. Throwing this screaming seal in the air. And, that family with kids is on the beach. Right about there watching this, which I don't that's that's not sort of hurting anything, but those kids either have nightmares Yeah. Or the show of their life. I don't know which. I'd had nightmares. I couldn't watch it anymore. I No. But then again, I got a pet seal and a pet bird, so I'm kind of a oxymoron here.

Yeah. But, so, anyway so, yeah, I I and I the hypocrisy of of the research, they're they're garbage in my mind. They are garbage people. They're it's it's what they're doing is wrong, and, I got no problem if they want us to stay away. I want to stay away. I do anyway. Yeah. You can't Yeah. You can't do anything about it. And, I mean, you haven't lived lived until you heard them. You can smell the bad smell and turn around, and there he is. You're right. And I've done that. I've been there. I've been I've been there. I've I've been out on the back of my boat when I heard a very close by Oh. Heard and smelled the blowhole of a whale, you know, before I saw the whale. Anyway but and and I I miss those days because they are pretty rare now. Yeah. But it does happen still. They can do what they want. Mhmm. Yeah. So WDFW and, I think has mismanaged their fisheries bad. And, you know, they, you know, they've count out to the tribes, and I'm not being a big there because I believe, you know, if I was given the golden key, I'd probably had taken it too, but now things are changing. The tribes don't give a damn. COVID has gotten people off the water. At first, it brought them onto the water. Because it was a nice It really brought them into droves Yeah. Onto the water because it was a nice change from what was happening on their life. You know? And our own state said, stay off the water. You might get COVID. And while other states said This is a good time to opening up the water. That's a good way to get fresh air. Our governor's over the dam, but he botched that one. And now in between that, COVID, you know, COVID saying, really? Do I really need to spend that much money to go fishing? Even in the charter industry, it hurts now. The charter industry is way down in our part of the country. So, luckily, I'm in a place in my life where my house is paid for, and and I get to keep the boat out front, and I don't have to pay a marina. So, I'm doing it doing charters that I want to as far as supposed to supposing to have to, you know, pay a mortgage and pay the mortgage Mhmm. You know, just to break even and then have the boat. But, anyway, so those are those are some of the culprits that I think have you know? And then I can give you an extreme history lesson to how we got here. But, you know, the politics of how we got here, and it is a tribal bashing. Well, you say so at first, COVID brought people to the water, but then what happened that now, like, COVID prevented people from going? Go after after people were had their time out. And, they were put into a time out. I do I believe that there's more television and phone watching and Mhmm. And all of that Yeah. Compared to it it created a new reality for people. That's what you're saying. You know? They you know, it's just like fishing was like extreme sports. Yeah. Now we have extreme gaming. Yeah. Yeah. And, I mean, it you just can't can't deny it. My me and myself, for example, before COVID, I really couldn't go on a vacation without thinking about work and finding more more business. Mhmm. And now I can I can sit at home and talk to you folks instead? You know what I mean? That was that was of the reality of the time out. Workaholics, whatever business you're in, workaholics had their time out, and they realized that maybe there's more to it than being a workaholic. And Zoom meetings and all the other crap. You know? And, and, but but, anyway, that's politics of everything right now. But yeah. So I think that has hurt the fishing industry. At I don't know if part of your thesis is going to be, but I would really look into if you if you haven't set it aside, I would really look into, the amount of, licenses being sold because you can look that one up. Yep. Yeah. Look. The my my licenses be sold in 2017, say, 2019, 2020, and then last couple years. And I would be I mean, I do know from my halibut meetings. You know, that just before Michelle Michelle was out of the picture, as a as a as a ground grounds, director, the sales started plummeting. Mhmm. Okay. And, that was before COVID. Okay. I see. And I would it would really be interesting, you know, see what it was up to, like, a couple hundred thousand licenses, you know, and the license fees were going up and up and up. Yeah. And I believe if you check, it would be another interesting little factor Yeah. Looking into the economics. Okay. Let's say the licensing fees or just any one of the things in general or all, you know, not looking into hunting, but just in the fishing. Yep. You know, we're it was it was over a $100 to or resident to license everything in the water department. And whether it be fishing, crabbing, you know, endorsements, and, everything else, you could spend over a $100. And now it seems like it's more like 30. You know? Okay. I haven't even bought this year's because, you know, I'm just why bother? You know? Yeah. When I get enough fishing through my customers. I sell them licenses individually Okay. And, from the state. Okay. But that would be that would be an interesting, you know, to look at the game department. These days, I get obnoxious and go on Facebook, and I'll post what the numbers were in 2019 versus 2020. You know? I've been known to do that. There's a like I said, there's a lot of misinformation, like, the whale thing. The whale research is just so much hypocrisy. And and I think more more there's a few universities that Okay. Yeah. Have gotten, you know, like the University of Washington or whatever that get a special elite. Yeah. You know? Yeah. I'm not a republican, but it's enough to make you one. It makes for the argument.

They make for the argument. There's a reason. Trump didn't lose by 30,000,000 instead of losing by 7,000,000, and the people on the other side should acknowledge that a 170,000,000 weren't bigoted, racist, nasty, old, crabby people. 70,000,000, a 100,000,000 probably were, but there's tens of millions of people that are normal people. Not me. Yeah. I wasn't one of the ones voting for him, but there are tens of millions of people that voted his way that are decent people, and a 100,000,000 that weren't. But anyway, and I get it. But if you don't if they don't start understanding why 30,000,000 people wouldn't jump on the chance to send them packing, they need to ask them something. That sounds why. Alright. So you talked a little bit about break dust from road runoff. Are there other environmental factors or stressors in this system that we haven't talked about yet? Alright. You know, the dams have done what the dams have done. Yep. And there's no undamming it. The Elwha River, the 100 pound salmon, and everything else up there, the Elwha River, you know, that was genetics versus, you know, what have you. The state has botched that 1 30 to 30 ways over. So, you know, undamming the rivers isn't gonna do it. Better, better, better, lifts, you know, fish ladders are needed. And by all means, stop with the gill netting. You can at least stop with the non tribal gillnetting. Miles Skipper, who was a mayor in the seventies, they tried to ban non tribal gillnetters. Tribal gillnetters came to the rescue saying, you know, there's still tribal gillnetters if you ban the non tribal. Because if you ban non tribal gillnetting, there's only one bad guy left, and, that's disgusting, and, we can't even talk about that because no newspaper, no, you know, they will barely glance at it. And not wanna talk about it, and and no newspaper can sell casino, hats if they dare go there, nor can nor can the news. Right. Right. You know, that's the that's the that's the end of it. And now, you know, between you, me, and the fence post, COVID has done what that can't do, because elders can't get the young people to go out and fish. That because fishing is hard work. Tribal money, said collecting tribal money is not. It's, you know, money, and, there is infighting with the elders and the young people that won't go out. Long lying halibut is a good on the straits was a good example. You know, we were competing with, tribal long liners, say, 10 years ago Mhmm. When they weren't even interested before. They make bank money, and they worked hard, and they'd get to go halibut fish when we were only allowed 4 days out of the year. And bottom line is is they said, oh, screw it. You know, a couple of young guys that with boats would say, well, okay. I'll go out. You know, if they had a bad day, it's not gonna do this shit again. So COVID is done, and the same with the sports fit. Salmon fishing was actually good last year. Yeah. And probably gonna be a good this year because nobody's gonna spend the money. Well, I'm not gonna say nobody, but most people aren't gonna spend the money no matter how many ads they get watching a game department puts out there to come go fishing with us. All the while in the view up in San Juan Islands, groups are saying, ban sports fishermen anywhere from San Juan Island. And, then they say, you know what? Another reason to give up my boat. Another reason to give up fishing. I'll go if it's $20 a pound for salmon, so what? It's still a bargain. I'm gonna catch a 4 pound salmon anyway. You get 2 pounds of meat out of it. You know? And, you know, back when you could catch them, you know, I've I've seen, you know, broom handle the 15 to 25 pound Kings up and down it from the Hood Canal. You know? So you don't see now. I think I was younger. And I've given up my salmon charter license. I've just sold it. Okay. Because it wasn't worth it anymore to. I'm at a point in time where I don't have to blow, you know, take people out. I'd rather tell them that, you know, fishing may be good. There has been a couple weeks last year was good, and I think right now it's good. But when you wanna be here on August 18th, I don't know that. We're going out fishing, not catching crap. I'll take you out flounder fishing. If you catch a salmon, we have to release it, and and I'll charge you a $100 less for 4 people. That's $400. So go buy yourself a fresh salmon. You know, I'll tell you what to look for, and, we'll go out fishing. If you catch the salmon, it'll be fun to play it and let it go. And, $400 will buy you that salmon. Anyway, that is, that's kinda nice to be in that position where I don't have the bullshit I'm on.

I1: So you you used you used to do halibut and salmon charters? And now what do you do?

BD083: I just do flounder now. Because the halibut fishing takes so bad in the last 2 years Okay. I didn't go up to swim after 20 years of fishing for halibut swim. But instead, I had some die hards that really wanted to go. So I said, well, we'll go out of Kingston, and I'll go up on the south end of Whidbey Island, which is way inland. Yeah. And we went out and got a 32 pounder. And the average grill size at Sequim in Port Angeles was nine pounds. Now 15 years ago, you know, when when halibut fishing was good, and 10 years ago when we're getting, you know, throttled down, I've never seen a 9 pound halibut. I've never seen one. Because they're born out on the open ocean in a 1,000 feet of water. They come out. They feed. That's why you go out at Swift Shore or near Bay, and you get these 10, 12 pound halibut. He'll know any better. They're gonna eat anything that puts in, you know, you could use a pipe jig and they would eat that. You get into the sound here, your bait has to be better than what's fit for human consumption to to catch a halibut. And I had some gourmet food for halibut, you know, and leaders, you know, were especially made leaders and everything else to catch a halibut. But you never I never saw for 10 years. I never saw a 9 pound halibut. I didn't know I heard they got that small. Never seen one. Now I'm not saying we had a 150 pounders like like Alaska, but we'd have seventies, and and I've caught my share of a 150 pounders. But we just never saw anything under, say, 15 pounds. Those are pretty rare. And that's the average size right now for this year, which means what the hell is below average. You know? Average I mean, yeah, you're 1 50 pound halibut is gonna skew Yeah. Right. Your numbers and, to get it down to a 9 pound average. Now I I know the fish checkers. I know their names and faces, you know, by heart, and I know the game words and everything up in the swim area. I was the only charter boat for Sequim for 20 years. You know? And, my predecessor died just just about the year I took over. I didn't know him, but he was a boat. And, he had been doing it for about 10 years, and there was no other charter boat. Some little ones would come and go, but I wouldn't say it. You know? So I was kind of the I don't wanna say leading authority because fishing isn't that great. Never was really good, although we did have years. Mhmm. You know, we had, you know, you know, we had, you know, here we had some days where we, you know, limited the boat with the biggest, we had a 100 pounds. So we had good years too. But, anyway, I'd probably digress on that, but that's changing. And that biodiversity, there's something seriously wrong, and it probably is starting out on the ocean. The ocean, 5 years ago would get their poundage. They would only be allowed they would basically have their limits by in 4 days, and they have had their days extended too. Yeah. Not quite not quite 2 months, 7 days a week. But but, yeah, they're looking at I bet they're looking at 20 days now. To get what their load load of their quota is, you know, and they're by pounds versus fish. So and I do know that Westport has some nice size 40 and 50 pound halibut that farther on into the season that goes, the larger they get. So now and nobody has fished in August until this year. August 16th, it opens up for halibut, you know, in the up in the straits. And out on the ocean about August 20th, nobody's ever fished for halibut then. So I don't know what the hell's gonna happen.

You know, they don't know if they're gonna see any Yeah. Or if they're gonna, traditionally in April, out of the ocean, they they asked whether they gained a pound a day out on the ocean. So you caught the ocean would actually wanna get you out earlier even though the bad weather, and they might get blown off. Mhmm. Because with the poundage, they could get some more days. Because if they got them out in April, they're blowing out the water and but still got 3 days in April, they might have 3 days in May. Mhmm. Versus if they started 3 days in May, they'll they'll get a 4th day, and that's it. Okay. Because the fish are getting too big, and they weigh too much. You know? Luckily for the consumer. And the way the not the way the dates were acknowledged before, if you wanted to go out of charter boat, you know, prior to, say, COVID, you would put in for being open the 1st day of the season, 2nd, and 3rd, and you, you know, and if you're willing to pay for that. And then the charter boat will let company will let you know what that date is. You know, it gets well, I can only do it on. No. You know? Well, then we're not gonna take your money. You call April 10th and see if there's something out on April 20th. There won't be, but okay. You know? Joe’s retired, and and Bob will tell his boss I'm taking that day off. I don't care. And his kid is going to take the day off from school. They don't care, and that's how it works. But, anyway, I digress on that. But, yes. Like I said, I know a lot about how or at least the politics of it. Yeah. But okay.

I1: Like, maybe the last one was do we talk about, like, what approaches you would like to see? Like, what I mean, I guess I can kind of infer from some of your answers, but, like, what, like, what management do you think is needed to, like, to, like, resolve some of these, you know, issues that we've been talking about?

BD083: The politics of the game department Mhmm. Have to be over overseen Yeah. By a a cleaner, clearer government entity. And then that's that's that's so cliche and vague, but, you know, there's and I and I think some of this, you know, not to be a tribal basher, but the fact that the tribes don't care as much anymore Yeah. Of course, they're they're creating their own fishing fleets and hiring out because they can't, non tribal employees, to go out and fish with them. They can. There might be a little bit of that, but in general, they don't need it so bad, so it is kind of self leveling. Here's one I can throw at you. Fish farms are the friends not the enemies and, that is garbage. The the fish farms are considered the enemies. Damsi Farms ran the fish farms out here. Until the famous accident with the plankton where they tore the nets, moving the nets, and they got torn. All the fish got left left out. Everybody said they're gonna mate with our salmon and kill them. All that is crap. Then and then, you know, so special interests have gotten rid of the fish farms starting with, you know, what's the name of the company that bought up? Anyway, the latest ones, they basically bought out the competition. Because the when the Atlantic salmon 2005, Atlantic salmon were really popular in, in the restaurants and things. And everybody you know, know, Anthony's is selling Atlantic salmon. For example, and there was a big push for that. And the commercials, you know, if you can't make a $1,000 in a day, why would you get out of bed? Does that sound better? Let we'll leave that one in there. And, and, they, you know, demonized farm farm raised salmon said, oh, they're putting pig dye in the meat. So what? Pig dye is a, you know, red red dyes in everything. But okay. They'll stop doing it. Shortly after that, white Chinook salmon was all the rage. Now my dad was my dad was a commercial fisherman, and he owned a restaurant, and we a group beaten down by, corn fish sticks, by Slade Gordon. I don't know if you knew our senator. Slade Gordon, Owen Gordon's fish sticks. That's where all the trouble started. This is this is the history of how all and him and Dixie Lee Ray had a deal, presented to him by the tribes to take 25%, and Slade Gordon said f you. And then and then came the bold decision. This is how it all started. Everything else is downhill from there. This is how it all started with Gordon Fish sticks. Now, Slade Gordon replaced Warren Magnuson who lived on Wing Point on Bainbridge Island, and he was a sportsman. And Gordon's miserable family moved out here from the east coast after they decimated the East Coast. You probably would know more in history of that. They came out here and started dragnetting the Puget Sound. And Warren Magnuson was head of the ways and means committee, which means if you want something funded in the government, it was had it handled by his committee. And he said, f you. And they took their little junior, little Slade Gordon. They put him in, they taught him law, the University of Washington, ran him for attorney general for the state of Washington, blew the decision, you know, into into place. And and, Slade Gordon was immune to any of that crap. Slade Gordon then ran against Warren Magnuson because he was the oldest senator, you know, at at the time. And, said he's too old to to do the job. And Slade Gordon was for sale. And, and slate Gordon got in got the commercials in, but then the tribal factor kicked in. And Gordon and the tribes didn't get along, but the courts sided with the tribes. And then, you know, small time fishermen were aced out by Gordon Fishsticks.

And then later on, you know, other companies, you know, like, bought up the fish farms. Now going back to I I kinda digress going back to 2005, salmon fishing in the winter took off. I mean, we could limit the boat in Kingston here in Puget Sound in 2005. And, and then some, greedy gillnetters got involved, and Gordon Fishsticks got involved. And, you know, the game department sided with with commercials and and and, you know, there's some backdoor dealings and, that and then but the real real went wrong is that around 2005 the propaganda war against fish farms happened. Oh, I I did diagnose one other thing. Yeah. We used to catch, periodically, we'd catch a white white king salmon. It is oak too. I you know, we'd sell it down at my dad's restaurant because he had a license to buy too. Mhmm. I mean, we'd eat it, but I never really noticed any difference. Yeah. You know, it's just a it was just a marketing thing. Yeah. Yeah. I mean, I suppose there's a difference. I mean, you still catch a white white king or silver, more more than more than kings. And they're just a rare breed. You know? Yeah. But oh, yeah. I'm kinda in San Francisco. They were selling at a $100 a plate at one time, you know, for white white meat salad. Yeah. Like, there's something different there, but okay.

I1: I used to live in Juneau, Alaska, and my, my friend caught a white Chinook in Yakutat, and it was like she brought it back to Juneau. I'm like, everyone was so excited about it. Yeah. And then you ate it. It tastes like 10. I tried it. I like it.

BD083: Yeah. I'll let it's kind of a bland taste, but I but I can you know? I mean, I used to never really have much. It was it was the salmon. It was the salmon. It was the salmon. But, you know, you well well, being up in Alaska, probably had you probably all the all the, all the Copper River thing was just, like, having more of a big Yeah. I don't I don't I don't see any difference in the salmon in that either. This tastes like salmon. With a higher price tag. Yeah. I do like sockeye, though, but we don't have sockeye on this side of the town. And I and we didn't catch them out of Westport. And I guess it's just like to me, I love I guess some onions crab in the refrigerator now. But I love lobster, but I can't get lobster and I can't get king crab. But I can get dungies and and I can get salmon. And and all the salmon to me, I tried sockeye. I like it, but it's something I'm not used to.