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I am not in favor of the Columbia River Dredging Project for the following. The ships you are expecting are not built yet. The Exxon Valdeze and her sisters go up river all the time. I don't (for safety reasons) want ships even this large.

Big ships means less jobs. Your depth finders are way off. Where yours show 37 35 39 feet mine shows 60-80 feet.

The land is just now healing up from your 1980 dredging. I can't go thru 20 more years of dust from this. Not to mention all the toxics in the dust from this project. As spoils will be from the worst polluted river. Radiation and PCB's will harm everyone that lives along the river, and where ever the wind blows it.

Even the river pilots don't back this as stated in public comment to you they say the river could not take many more ship's anyway.

And when you say you are going to restore habitat either wetland of riparian or forest, and then say but we will have to cover up 1/2 the land do it, I say you all are fooling yourselves. On cotton wood Howard, the land you intend to cover, is already starting to revert back to its former state, and will be wild and almost recovered in another 10-20 years, unless you bury it again.

This project is a trumped up effort by the Ports Real Estate Developers, and assorted individuals and companies, who want free fill and to fill in much of what is left of the lowlands along the Columbia river. To be further developed. I believe this project will cause all edible food that we get from the river itself, and for thousands of miles of the ocean, to be less safe to eat. For everything in the food chain from the smallest mollusk to tuna 200 miles out will be tainted by everything radiation to PCB's.

Did you ever wonder how Japan could decimate our Columbia River salmon on there farthest migration? They spot them with radiation detection. Heard that from a Jap fish buyer at the airport. Once again the public has to be fleeced, made sick by chemicals, so

that a few may benefit. This dredging will force me to sell out and move to get away from the dust your spoil sites. Are you willing to buy me out, relocate me?

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The last line of paragraph 4 states "the info gathered does not conclusively indicate whether sturgeon are feeding in deep water areas. Then read paragraph 1 on page 20 Haynes and Gray 1981 reiterated then belief, that white sturgeon seasonal movements are linked to water temp. These two paragraphs prove to me that either the corps is paying for what they want us to think or, their experts are really morons. As I know sturgeon feed in deep water (I fished 3 trees hole ten years) and I know sturgeon migrations aren't based on water temp, but available food supply. Your whole study is wrong. You're just trying to justify dumping spoils in these areas. *concerning Free Fill*

My thoughts ~~are based~~ on the real estate developers and the ports managers and others. *I Talked to*

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