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Re: North American Regional Action Plan on Mercury

Dear- Mr Susanke

This letter is in response to the mercury review process. I have a question on page 53 Biomonitoring: people line 3 8 1. When sampling to measure health risks, the edible portion of a standardized filet is used.

The subsistence lifestyle of Alaska natives is everything but standard. We definitely fall under the vulnerable populations based on local consumption patterns and cultural practices.

Fifty-four percent of all Alaska natives diet is predominantly anadromous and catadromous fish species. We consume not just a standardized filet, but the head, tail, and fins of all anadromous species that migrate up the Yukon river on a yearly basis.

We feel that just testing for mercury in a standardized filet is not a fair representation of Alaska natives. Furthermore, we feel that in order to be fairly represented; in accordance with sampling fish for mercury all parts of the fish consumed should be tested not just a standardized filet.

Sincerely: Paul Edhart

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