Barbara Kelley

From: "Barbara Kelley" <cedar776@earthlink.net>
To: "Barbara Kelley" <cedar776@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2006 5:26 PM
Subject: Comments

Salmon and Toxic Chemicals

1 **The widespread use of toxic chemicals in the northwest has no doubt been a factor in the drastic decline of salmon.**

Salmon used to be so abundant in the northwest that they were a staple of native peoples, bears, and other animals. Our plants and animals are going extinct at an alarming rate. According to then Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, one in four mammals, worldwide, is threatened with extinction. It is wrong to poison their habitat, which of course includes the streams and rivers needed by salmon.

Apparently, the Supreme Court agrees.

(BK)

January 9, 2006 - 12:00 AM

http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/localnews/2002730286_websalmon09.html

Supreme Court rejects challenge to no-spray buffers around salmon streams

By GENE JOHNSON
The Associated Press

SEATTLE – The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday refused to hear an appeal of a ruling that banned the use of pesticides around Western salmon streams.

"We're very happy," said Patti Goldman, an attorney with the environmental law firm Earthjustice. "There have been many attempts by the chemical industry and the growers to get rid of the buffers; we now know they will remain in place."

In January 2004, two years after finding that the Environmental Protection Agency had failed to consider the effect of pesticides on protected salmon, U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour in Seattle imposed a 100-yard buffer for aerial spraying and a 20-yard buffer for ground application of three dozen pesticides, from agricultural sprays to household weed-killers.

His injunction also required that stores selling pesticides in 500 communities in the West post warnings

(over) 1/10/2006