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I am commenting on the 520 bridge environmental effects. I find the section on environmental impacts very brief and incomplete. There is no discussion of the effect of a much greater structure size (pontoons) and maintenance dock and how the effects of these structures can be modified to reduce loss of individual fish and habitat. Specifically, there is no discussion of how these structures will increase predation from other species - this is already a problem with bulkheads and docks around the lake that provide cover for predators and reduce habitat for travelling salmon and juveniles. There are no scientific citations for any of the above either.

I-0564-002

In addition, there are no cost estimates or procedures for mitigating any environmental effects from this new and larger project. There should be extensive research and reporting on new and innovative ways to mitigate detrimental effects of this construction because it will be in place for a long time, and after it is built, it will not be possible to modify it to change negative effects on wildlife or lake circulation that perhaps affects shoreline integrity.

This project could be a demonstration of cooperation and innovation if these issues were dealt with thoroughly and before construction.

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I don't believe this EIS adequately addresses the traffic, congestion, and fragmentation, and loss of use that will occur at the University of Washington. Especially since so many UW employees and students use the bridge, their concerns should have a proportional amount of influence of over the final project.

I-0564-004

There should be further sessions to gather information from UW stakeholders, scientific professionals, and a solicitation from the college of Forest Resources and Fisheries staff on real impacts both social and environmental.

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Comment Summary:

Fish Effects

Response:

See Section 16.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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Comment Summary:

Fish and Wildlife (Mitigation)

Response:

See Section 16.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

I-0564-003

Comment Summary:

Traffic Management (Construction)

Response:

See Section 4.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

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Comment Summary:

Coordination with Other Transportation Projects

Response:

See Section 1.0 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.