

1 us moving forward. I realize there's a lot of emotion
2 with this, so how about if we allow clapping, but could
3 we save to the clapping until the end of the speaking?
4 Would that work? That way we can move forward and they
5 can stay within their time limit. Thank you.

6 MR. O'LEARY: Hi. Thank you. My name
7 is Michael O'Leary. I live in Portland, Oregon. I'm a
8 sixth generation Oregonian, and I want to say that while
9 I feel very invested here, I think it's really worth
10 taking the extra time to listen to the folks who have
11 been here for thousands of years prior, and I want to say
12 shared the microphone with people that have been here
13 today and speaking is inspirational.

14 That being said, I was a very lucky kid. My family
15 was a lot of fun. My grandfather, my father, they loved
16 to take me fishing. I know other people watch TV and do
17 laundry and stuff like that, but they wanted to get out
18 of the house and they brought us and it was a lot of fun.
19 We went places. We climbed things. We got in
20 difficulties that we didn't always tell everybody about,
21 something broke, but we fixed it, but don't tell mom,
22 things like that.

23 It was a lot of fun. And we brought food home. I
24 ate more rainbow trout with a dash of lemon and more
25 venison with a glob of onion than I care to remember, but

1 that was normal.

2 What was also normal was that in the wintertime we
3 watched slide shows of the glory days of the fish we
4 caught last summer. Remember this? Remember where Rick
5 shot? Remember Larry where we caught the big one and
6 lost the gar, gar, gar? Well, that was all fun, too.

7 I remember seeing photos of my grandfather holding a
8 50-pound salmon. 50 pounds from the Columbia River.
9 That has not been caught in a long time. If you're a
10 professional fishing guide, you fish 150 days with six
11 lines out of the boat and a boat full of clients, if you
12 find one 40-pound salmon, you're a lucky dude.

13 You're much more likely to get fish only under 30
14 pounds now. 20 pounds will win you a tournament. That's
15 ridiculous. Yeah, really, what we did last year, a
16 20-pound won.

17 Times have changed. Three years ago we lost a
18 sturgeon as a sustainable catchable fishery. Last year
19 the Sockeye salmon run died, rolled over dead. 90
20 percent of the returning fish, the fish that we knew were
21 there, rolled over dead in the river from heat directly
22 or from heat-caused viruses.

23 Half the Coho did not come back from the ocean.
24 Thank God for this normal June weather that we're having
25 right now.

1 The reality is that salmon are well past the tipping
2 point. 90 percent of the returning salmon are hatchery
3 fish. This is a fishery that is practically extinct for
4 the wild stock, practically. It's in the single-digits
5 of percent of what could possibly be.

6 That is I think referred to as a billion-dollar
7 economy. That economy is largely rural. That's a
8 transfer of wealth from the urban centers, from the big
9 stores to the local hotels, local gas stations, local
10 tackle shops, the local mom-and-pop shops.

11 The joke I heard previously from some coal addicts
12 was that they put a sugarcoating on top of the coal
13 trains and that keeps all the coal dust down. It's not a
14 funny joke, right? But it is a joke. Because I don't
15 want to accuse them of lying on the record because that
16 would be a little pushy, but I must admit they were
17 pulling our leg.

18 But on the way up -- let me just conclude. There
19 was a coal train stopped on the road. I pulled over my
20 car, I took a photo of an engine and 50 cars. And you
21 can see how the Venturi effect from the train and the air
22 carves out a huge front end of that -- what comes out as
23 a regular loaf of bread out of a factory machine of coal
24 dust depositing. You can see the front end shaved off.
25 You can see the whole back end. I have 50 pieces in a

1 row of photography. And it happened yesterday, it's GIS
2 stamped and time stamped. I want you to know, toppings
3 don't work. It's a joke.

4 And then of course there's temperature change,
5 right? And acidification. Thank you.

6 MR. WALKSNICE: [Speaking in Native
7 language.] Good day. My Cheyenne name is 20 Stands. My
8 name is Kaden Walksnice and I'm kind of scared to speak
9 to you guys right now because I do like my job, but I'm
10 standing up for my people. I'm a DOI employee, but my
11 people come first, my land comes first.

12 I'm from the Northern Cheyenne tribe in Southeast
13 Montana. I'm only 23 years old and so I'm one of the
14 youth members speaking on behalf of all my youth tribal
15 members.

16 I didn't come prepared with any speech at all. I
17 actually just came off a fire in Colorado and this is how
18 much I care about my land and my people.

19 My tribe has partnered with the Lummi tribe for the
20 past few years to stop coal mining exports to protect our
21 people, our land. Our Northern Cheyenne tribe is in the
22 middle of the Powder River Basin, so anything that the
23 BLM does with coal, we are affected. Our elders, our
24 youth, our children are affected by the decisions from
25 the BLM.