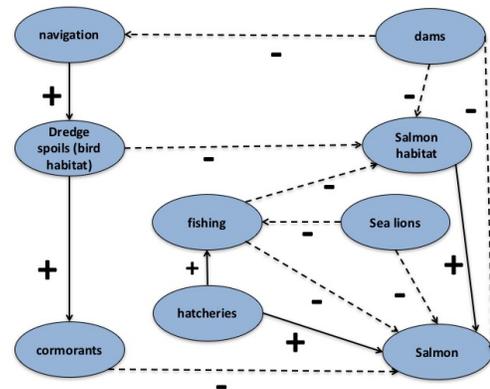


Question:

You have been selected to speak to your town council on the issue of cormorant hunting. The first speaker states the cause-effect relationship plainly: cormorants are eating salmon, therefore we have to remove cormorants. Now it is your turn. How would showing a systems diagram like the one shown here make your policy recommendations different from that of the first speaker?



*A full-credit answer is (1) logical, (2) clear, and (3) makes reference to complexity/nuance, especially the importance of environmental policy decisions being made based on more than a simple cause-effect relationship.*