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Department of the Army
Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers
Attn: Lower Snake River Study
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Walla Walla, Washington 99362-1876

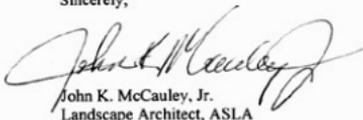
Dear Sir:

I oppose the removal of the Snake River or Columbia River Dams. I don't believe that the disappearance of the salmon and other species of fish is a result of the dams in our rivers. From what I have been told by older fisherman who have fished our rivers for decades, the salmon and other fish were plentiful even after dam construction. It has only been in recent years that fish runs have suffered.

Salmon runs have been decreasing in rivers or in parts of rivers that are not impacted by dams. This indicates that other factors must be considered. Dam removal will be costly, not only in terms of the immediate cost of demolition, but in terms of shipping, employment, recreation, agriculture production and other facets of our northwest economy. Before we do something as drastic and expensive as removing dams, let's take a closer look at ocean temperatures, over fishing with drift nets, and other negative influences on the numbers of salmon returning to our waters here in the northwest.

This is a complex problem that will not be solved by breaching the dams. Please rethink this issue.

Sincerely,



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