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To Whom it may concern:

This is to register my opposition to removal of the Snake River Dams.

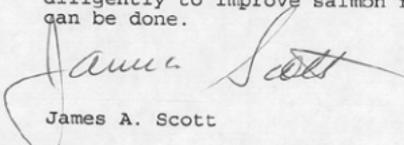
There is little information available that would indicate that dam removal would be more beneficial to either salmon or the economy than leaving them in place. There is no indication that removal would significantly increase salmon runs in the Snake River System but much information is available that the economy would be devastated by forcing grain shipping to Portland, fertilizer and petroleum transportation and many other products now using the barge system onto the highway system plus rebuilding the rail system to take care of the lost transportation from barge loss.

It is my understanding that as much as 30% of the salmon smolts heading for the Pacific Ocean are lost to the Caspian Terns which inhabit an island at the mouth of the Columbia River. That is something that could be corrected in very short order by destroying the Terns.

Untold numbers of species of animals, birds, fish and other wildlife have become extinct over the course of history and many more will succumb in the future. While I believe in conservation, having been a hunter, fisherman, farmer and outdoorsman all my life it is my opinion that common sense must prevail in instances such as we are addressing today. The good of the majority should prevail.

I do not feel, after trying to sort out all of the information concerning dam removal, that breaching the dams would probably significantly improve salmon runs. Salmon runs have declined since the dams were built but there is no indication that the dams are the only reason for declines.

Lets keep all the many benefits of the dams and work diligently to improve salmon runs. I am convinced that this can be done.



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