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c/o Bonneville Power Administration- PL  
707 West Main Street, Ste. 500  
Spokane, WA 99201

Re: Restoration of Snake River Salmon

Dear NMFS and US Army Corps:

I write to express my strong support for the removal of the four dams on the lower portion of the Snake River.

The NMFS draft science paper accurately concluded that the only way to restore salmon in the Snake River basin to healthy numbers and fulfill our treaty obligations with Native Americans is to remove the four dams. The Corps greatly exaggerates the costs of dam removal by ignoring the enormous expense of dam retention and the almost certain resulting extinction of salmon. Since these precious fish are already dangerously close to extinction, I believe that recovery efforts must begin immediately. I urge you to recommend removal of the four lower dams to save our endangered salmon. Future generations will recognize the wisdom of this bold action.

Please include my comments in the administrative record.

Very truly yours,

James K. Coons

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