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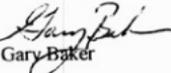
Dear Sirs,

I am writing with regard to the proposal to breach the Lower Snake River Dams. As a citizen of Washington with some experience with river commerce, (from Lewiston, Idaho to Longview, Washington) I am strongly opposed to such action.

My opposition is twofold. First the cost of removing the dams would be astronomical and a boondoggle to the public who would be left to pay the bill. Secondly and most important since the dams have been constructed industry has moved the transportation infrastructure from truck and rail to waterborne. If the dams were removed the industry would now have to move grain elevators and other barge loading facilities to accommodate truck and/or rail loading. Does this make sense? Not to me!

I feel that any attempt to remove these dams would hurt more citizens of Washington, Oregon and Idaho than it would help fish. What is more important to the economic health of these states, people and interstate commerce or a few salmon?

Sincerely yours,



Gary Baker