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Dear National Marine Fisheries Service,

Our goal in writing to you is to urge your action in Salmon habitat recovery. We encourage you to do everything in your power to restore salmon and their habitat in the Columbia and Snake river systems. Given the information we have at this time, we believe breaching of dams along these rivers to be the best possible method of accomplishing this recovery. We recommend this action only because of the state of emergency that this issue has reached.

Our concern for the health of the salmon runs and habitats stems from the Biblical command to be stewards of God's creation, but we realize that salmon interests cover a wide range of human interests as well. We understand that dam breaching will have adverse effects on numerous parties. The cost of electricity would rise, affecting industries, agriculture, and the common consumer, but we believe these costs are outweighed by the long-term investment in rebuilding healthy salmon habitat.

Dam breaching is an extreme measure, but we are seeking a pertinent solution to an extreme problem. We would appreciate receiving further information regarding possible future options.

Sincerely,

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