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To the policy makers.

The populations of the Pacific species of salmon of Washington, Oregon and California are a pitiful remnant of their former incredible abundance. It is not just the salmon that have gone, their abundance had a profound ripple influence upon the entire ecosystem through the energy supplied by the decomposing bodies of the spawned out salmon. That energy source is a fraction of what it was or should be.

There are a number of reasons for the drastic decline in salmon but a major one is the presence of dams on virtually all of the major spawning rivers of the west and the Snake River in particular.

Many of these dams are of marginal use at best yet they seriously impact the spawning success and the abundance of the salmon.

We are on the verge of losing a precious resource all because of shortsighted thinking. Think of what we are leaving for those coming after us.

**THE DAMS SHOULD BE DEMOLISHED! GIVE THE SALMON A CHANCE
OF RETURNING TO THEIR FORMER ABUNDANCE!**

Sincerely,

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