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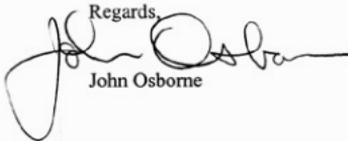
Mr. Graham,

I am writing on behalf of Dix Corporation and at the request of the Association of Washington Business. My purpose in writing is to state our opposition to the breaching of the Four Lower Snake River dams. The environmental and economic benefits of hydro power in general and these dams in particular make it clear we must resolve the salmon problem with the dams in place.

I have enclosed a copy of my public statement from the recent meeting in Spokane.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



John Osborne



**U.S. ARMY C.O.E. DRAFT LOWER SNAKE RIVER JUVENILE
SALMON MIGRATION
FEASIBILITY REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

My name is John Osborne. I am a contractor and a lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest. I am also a fisherman, the son of a fisherman and the father of a fisherman. I am commenting on both documents:

We are in the throes of an emotional debate that will have a significant, life changing effect on everyone present in this room. There are arguments for and against breaching that are backed by apparent science, genuine convictions, thousands of years of culture and, of course, personal economic and life style considerations. I am opposed to breaching for many reasons, some ideological and some selfish. However, in the midst of all the research and emotions one paramount reason not to breach has, to my knowledge, not been discussed. If we breached those four lower Snake River Dams tomorrow and if all the salmon runs recovered in a year, this one clear reason not to breach would still tell us that it was a poor decision to breach those dams.

BREACHING IS NOT A TRANSFERABLE SOLUTION.

The problems on the Lower Snake River exist on rivers throughout the United States and the world. Hydropower, flood control, irrigation, barging and other benefits are generated on those same rivers all over our planet.

WE WILL NEVER BREACH ALL THOSE DAMS!

SO we must create a solution that gives us hope to save fish runs throughout the United States and the world. I have observed and helped work on fish bypass systems at Rocky Reach, McNary, Bonneville, John Day, The Dalles, Priest Rapids, Wanapum, and Rock Island as well as all four Lower Snake River Dams. There is hope with this work. And the successes we have achieved with these systems and successes we will achieve in the future are TRANSFERABLE.

This is a solution that works and that we can share with the world. If we do anything less than save those fish with the dams in place then we are being shortsighted and foolish.