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National Marine Fisheries Service  
Federal Agencies Caucus Comment Records  
c/o Bonneville Power Administration - PL  
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Spokane, WA 99201

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like the four lower Snake River dams partially removed and a bypass provided for salmon. This is the only way for salmon to recover on the Snake River. This makes sense both from an ecological standpoint and an economic standpoint. The long term economic benefits of healthy salmon and steelhead runs on the Snake River outweigh the costs of dam removal and the small amount of electricity they generate.

The National Marine Fisheries Service All-H science paper finds that partial removal of the four Lower Snake River dams is the essential foundation for saving endangered salmon and steelhead in the watershed and is the only action that can restore all salmon runs in the Snake Basin.

Salmon are important to me and these Snake River dams do not make sense. They should never have been built in the first place and now is the time to bypass them. The National Marine Fisheries Service and the Army Corps of Engineers must recommend the partial removal of the four Lower Snake River dams and combine this with extensive efforts to protect and restore fish habitat in the Snake River Basin to save endangered salmon and steelhead.

Sincerely,



Gary Westerlund

cc: Dept. of the Army Corps of Engineers