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To whom it may concern:

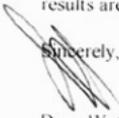
I write as a member of a family that has been involved in Idaho Agriculture for over four generations.

I wish to be on record as being strongly opposed to option 4, breaching of the lower 4 dams on the Snake River. I believe that there is significant scientific evidence that this action will not produce all the desired results of returning natural salmon to the Snake River. I feel that there needs to be more research and study conducted. I feel that there are several areas that must be addressed to bring balance into this discussion. Significant changes must be made in ocean conditions, reduction and further control of sport fishing, predator control of terns and other animals, and harvest practices.

I am strongly opposed to the use of Idaho water for the purposes of flow augmentation. Past attempts have not been successful. The scientific evidence hasn't proven the merits of flow augmentation.

Dams and water have long been the life blood of our area. We all want to see our children go fishing and catch that big one; but we also want to see our children be able to farm and recreate like we have for generations. Dams provide many advantages including flood control, habitat for many species, recreation, employment, power, and transportation. By removing the dams, other elements in nature will become out of balance. Whether removing dams or taking water, the results are the same. Devastation of huge proportion will occur for many, many years.

Sincerely,



Dane Watkins