

## CLARK DEVELOPMENT

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Federal Caucus  
Comment Record  
C/O Bonneville Power  
707 West Main Suite 500  
Spokane, 99201

Re: Salmon Recovery and Dam Breaching

As a firm involved throughout Idaho in real estate development and the recreational industry, I want to state my emphatic support for placing the highest priority on recovery of natural salmon runs. Extinction is not an option. The scientific evidence is clear that the lower Snake River dams must be breached if salmon and steelhead runs are to be restored. It is also the least expensive alternative.

The presently thriving and growing recreational and tourist industry in Idaho will be jeopardized if salmon are not restored. Unfortunately there are trade-offs to be made, but the facts are clear that there is much greater value to the future economy of Idaho from healthy salmon and steelhead runs than continued subsidy of a relatively small and unproductive element of the economy dependent on barging and maintenance of the lower Snake River dams. Furthermore, by not breaching these dams there will be economic damage to other parts of the agricultural sector which will lose water under other options. The economic value of restored salmon and steelhead runs is huge in dollars and jobs.

The treaty commitments made long ago have been broken too many times. I hope that we are not going to continue to bring further shame to ourselves by ignoring treaty commitments.

Sincerely,



Bill Clark