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Brigadier General Carl Strock  
Department of the Army  
Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers  
Attn: Lower Snake River Study  
201 North Third Avenue  
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

Dear Brigadier General Carl Strock:

The North Idaho Fly Casters, a group of over 100 fly fishermen do not believe that allowing the Idaho Snake River salmon to go extinct is an option. There have been experiments for years on different options to save the salmon and steelhead but still the runs decline. The four Snake River Dams are the biggest reason that these fish are declining. This is the conclusion reached by a team of independent, tribal, state and federal scientists. The science is clear that only by partially removing these four dams can the fish be saved.

We must act now, as by the year 2017 Snake River salmon and steelhead are likely to be extinct. Snake River salmon cannot survive further delays and studies. We may be able to have dams and salmon but not the four Snake River dams and salmon. Consider the following:

- In 1986 Snake River Coho were declared extinct.
- In 1991 Snake River Sockeye were listed as endangered.
- In 1992 Snake River Chinook were listed as threatened.
- In 1994 Snake River were listed as endangered.
- In 1997 Snake River Steelhead were listed as threatened.

This is the legacy of the status quo. We must resist this as it will lead to extinction and extinction is not an option. Please include this letter in the official public comment record for both the Corps DEIS and the "All H" paper.

Sincerely,



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