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 Federal Caucus Comment Record,
 c/o BPA-PL,
 707 W. Main Street, Suite 500,
 Spokane, WA 99201

RE: COMMENTS ON SALMON RECOVERY

Dear Federal Salmon Managers:

I am writing to you to make sure that you are aware that over 30,000 members of Working Assets have called or sent letters to Vice President Gore urging him to make Snake River dam removal the cornerstone of the Snake River salmon recovery efforts.

I am concerned that the White House may not have forwarded our letters on to you. Our computer records indicate that 29,679 Working Assets members sent letters and that 2,496 members called the Vice President urging him to support efforts to remove these dams.

I ask that you please ensure that all 32,175 of these citizen comments be included in the official record of the public comment for the "All H Paper" and for the Army Corps of Engineers' DEIS.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much,

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Below is an identical version of the 29,679 letters sent to the Vice President:

Dear Vice President Gore,

I am writing to urge you to save the Pacific Northwest's salmon by supporting efforts to remove the four lower Snake River dams.

Four hydroelectric power dams on the Snake River constructed between 1962 and 1975 are driving its once plentiful population of salmon to extinction. In fact, five species of salmon in this river are already listed under the Endangered Species Act. Fish ladders, hatcheries, increased river flows, even trucking and barging the salmon around the dams aren't working. By the year 2017, one of the greatest salmon runs in North America will be driven to extinction.

Prior to the mid-1960's, more than 100,000 wild salmon returned to the Snake River each year. After the construction of these dams, fish populations plummeted to fewer than 10,000 wild salmon.

Scientists conclude that the only sure way to save the salmon is to remove the dams. Losing the salmon would mean losing a magnificent species and an important symbol of the Pacific Northwest. Please tell me how you intend to address this issue.

Sincerely,