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I oppose option #4, the Dam-Breaching option for many reasons:

1. National Marine Fisheries Service shows that—NO ONE alternative alone, including breaching—will recover salmon runs.
2. All of the options proposed by the Federal Government, except one, includes the existing level of flow augmentation:
  - 427 thousand A.F. from upper Snake River
  - 237 thousand A.F. from Idaho Power's Hells Canyon Complex
  - 1.5 - 1.9 million A.F. from Dworshak Reservoir"status quo" total well over 2 million annually with no scientific evidence it has saved any fish.

Additional flow augmentation could devastate the economy of the Snake River Valley as well as to destroy the resident fisheries in the reservoirs that will be dry part of the year.

3. Studies now conclusively demonstrate that between 95 and 98% of listed salmon stocks are alive when transported through barges to the mouth of the Columbia River, however, less than 1/2 of 1% of the adults return—this indicates ocean conditions to be the major problem.
4. To say nothing about loss of power generating capacity (if the dams are breached). "enough to light every home in Idaho and Montana." "More than the total generating capacity of Idaho Power Co." and to say nothing about the increased pollution, expense, and loss of jobs by replacing river barge transportation, with an additional 2400 semi-trucks on our highways, or an additional 600 rail cars to haul grain alone, the dams can't be breached in time to save salmon runs.

The absolute minimum for Congress to authorize and appropriate money, for agencies to develop environmental impact statements, for engineers to design the work, to let the bids, for contractors to be selected, is from 9 to 16 years—if no one sues!

This indicates work should be focused on fish passage improvements, law changes so predators can be managed, ocean conditions be studied, harvest reduced, hatchery practices studied—things that can be done now.