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My name is John Fred, Bannock & Shoshone Tribal Member.

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I'm here in support of Alternative 4, dam breaching.....

Millions of dollars are spent annually to subsidize the four lower Snake River dams in the form of grain subsidizes and barging.

We have studied the flow augmentation and barging and ALL other aspects of the dams. It's time to stop the dam studies and start a study of DAM Breaching. Allow the lower Snake to run as it had since time began, in a natural state...

Nobody is talking about the Largest run of anadromous fish that has been eliminated above the Hells Canyon. But, I want to mention that the Salmon along with the other fish species, sockeye, steelhead, sturgeon, lamprey, bull trout would be here (in Idaho), in numbers if there was any place to go, as nature had provided.

Their homes have been taken over in the name of progress, just like the other natives in the area. What was once the world's largest run of Salmon is now the world's largest hydroelectric system and the world's largest and most expensive restoration effort.

We did not want the dams and I'm sure the fish didn't want the dams either.

Give the River back to the fish, so they can live for the future, theirs and ours.