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Dear Brigadier General Strock:

I write to express my heartfelt support for the proposed removal of the dams on the lower Snake River to help restore Snake River salmon. I understand that if action is not taken now, all Snake River salmon are likely to be extinct within the next 20 years.

Keeping these dams is not good for the salmon or people. Although government agencies have already spent several billion dollars on salmon recovery efforts such as barging the fish around the dams, these measures have largely failed while the costs continue to escalate. Moreover, the dams produce less than 5% of the region's power, far less than predicted when they were built. Studies have shown that restoring Snake River salmon will create more jobs and a stronger economy than keeping the dams in place and losing the salmon.

I have long been an avid fisherman, and it saddens me greatly to think of any fish species being lost forever, especially one so important to this region's economy. The salmon are a national treasure.

Please, General Strock, urge that dam removal be made the centerpiece of any option chosen to recover Snake River salmon. Both scientific and economic reports indicate that dam removal is the best option for both the fish and the Northwest economy. We need the salmon far more than the dams.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Gregg W. Wentzell  
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