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Dept. of the Army
Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers
Attn: Lower Snake River Study
201 N. Third Ave.
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

Subject: Draft EIS and "All-H" Paper Comments

Dear District Corps of Engineers:

We here at Altacal Audubon Society, Inc. urge your serious and careful consideration of the proposed option of removal of the four federal dams on the lower Snake River as the surest way to revive the salmon and steelhead populations of the Northwest area.

We are all too aware of the precipitous decline of salmon and steelhead runs in our own local area in the past 20 years and the harm this has caused to wildlife, recreation, the native ecology and the local economies here. A number of scientists' informed opinions have suggested dam removal as the surest of the options for restoring Snake River salmon and steelhead and thereby contributing mightily to healthy rivers and thriving salmon populations in the Northwest. Please consider carefully their recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B. N. Chiñas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

B. N. Chiñas
Conservation Chair