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Department of the Army
Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers
ATTN: Lower Snake River Study
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Dear Sir/Madame:

The Port of Morrow opposes Alternative 4, the dam breaching alternative. There definitely are uncertain biological benefits from breaching the lower four Snake River dams. We also believe the negative economic impacts are seriously underestimated, and your EIS shows that there is certain economic harm.

Recent studies indicate survival is as high as pre-dam numbers. We have already returned to pre-dam numbers and that isn't working. This should clearly indicate to you that the problem is in other directions such as predators, ocean conditions, drift nets and over harvesting by all that have nets in the river.

The region needs a recovery plan with a clear vision, goals and priorities. We need a plan that rebuilds healthy fish runs while maintaining a healthy economy.

Dam breaching will create significant negative environmental impacts with loss of habitat for resident fish and wildlife, and increase air pollution from trucks and fossil fuel burning power plants.

Dam removal is not the silver bullet. It is extremely risky. It may not help the fish, but it will certainly hurt the economy. Our jobs and our northwest way of life are at stake.

Do not remove the dams.

Sincerely,

Gary Neal
General Manager

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c: Northwest Delegation
Oregon Governor Kitzhaber
Port of Morrow Commission