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March 24, 2000

Brigadier General Carl A Strock
Department of the Army
Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers
Attention: Lower Snake River Study
201 N 3rd Ave
Walla Walla WA 99362-1876

Dear General Strock,

I remember visiting Washington State to see my cousin who lives in the Tri-City area. He took me to McNary Dam to watch the counting of the salmon. I will never forget this sight of the biggest fish I had ever seen. I am concerned that others have the chance to see this, too, so I beg you to work to protect and restore the salmon and steelhead runs of the Pacific Northwest.

The dams on the lower Snake River have nearly wiped out the salmon runs there. Draft scientific and economic reports show that dam removal is the best option for the fish and for the Pacific Northwest economy. I do not want any more of Earth's species to become extinct. I am as concerned about the salmon as I am about the tiger, the panda, and other endangered life forms of the planet.

The salmon in the Snake River are likely to go extinct with the next 20 years if we don't act NOW. It makes more sense to me to restore the Snake River salmon than to barge them around the dams. These dams produce very little power and provide only a few benefits to the area. The salmon would help the economy much more and create more jobs.

General Strock, please seriously consider removing these dams, restoring the Snake River to its natural state, and saving the salmon for future generations. Thank you for considering the opinions of people like me who are concerned about ALL life on Earth.

Sincerely,

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