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Brigadier General Strock
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Attention: Lower Snake River Study

Dear General Strock:

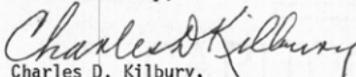
Much ado has been made regarding breaching of the four dams on the lower Snake River in order to improve the lot of salmon and steelhead recovery. It has been noted that there has also been a disappearance of these species in rivers which are not dammed. There is some evidence there is a scarcity of these fish in the ocean, except further north in Alaskan waters. This will may be as a result of LaNina, or a warming of the ocean off of our coast. This is a temporary occasion and will be remedied when the cold waters return.

I have noticed that there was a hue and cry about the decline of Columbia River salmon in the decade of the 1870's, and that was certainly not occasioned by any dams. There are many reasons for the reduction in number for the salmon and I am quite sure that those would result in improvement of the salmon's numbers amelioration.

Breaching of the dams is the most disastrous to our way of life in the inland northwest including: loss of many acres of farmland, loss of economic benefits, over taxing of our highway system, loss of a large part of our power generation, and elimination of one of our most reasonable forms of transportation.

I am sure you will agree there are more effective ways to improve our salmon numbers, rather than removing dams which will only pass down silt for 30 years before doing any good for salmon.

Yours sincerely,


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