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Department of the Army
Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers
Attention: Lower Snake River Study
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Dear Sir:

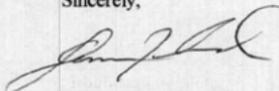
I have been following with interest the Spokesman-Review articles concerning Salmon recovery, hatcheries, etc. Although, I consider myself part of the silent majority, I feel the need to comment on this extremely important issue. The decisions that will be made over the next few months and years will not only affect me and my family, but future generations as well.

As a scientist I understand you are dealing with a number complex problems. But the goal should be to find common sense solutions to these problems - including salmon.

I oppose breaching the 4 hydroelectric dams on the lower Snake River. Breaching dams seems to me to be too risky when the science to back that decision has not been established. This debate about salmon recovery has focused on our hydropower system, ignoring the benefits it brings to the region and also ignoring the fact that salmon mortality is a result of many factors all along their lifecycle

I appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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