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Walla Walla District, Corp of Engineers
201 North Third Avenue
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Dear Sir:

The morning of the Corps Lewiston/Clarkston salmon hearings, as most mornings, my job and that of the employees at LCT, is to unload the evenings backlog of grain trucks, the local grain being delivered, load the exporters rain onto barges, which they have purchased throughout the months, repair equipment which breaks down without warning, and to process and transfer the documents for thousands of bushels of grain that pass through our facility in the course of a day. What we don't have time to do, is to neglect or ignore our customers or take large chunks of time off and gamble that after hours of waiting, we'll be able to give several minutes of testimony that the corps will deem as significant....

1 | I was not surprised that the environmental community was so well organized and represented at the Corp hearings, but I was very disappointed and believe it was reckless of the General, to address the audience at the beginning, with his personal opinion that there was no such thing as fish friendly turbines, when in fact engineers on the Corp staff, and those at INTEL, have developed, and put into operation, turbines which improve salmon survival. Since those hearings, it appears that the Corp, specifically General Strock, is under the misguided impression that they were an accurate reflection of the area sentiment that dam removal is the answer to salmon recovery... His personal opinion makes one wonder how much of his prejudice will be incorporated into the Corp recommendations.

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The consequence of dam removal is so final and murderous to the grain producers of this area, by more than doubling their transportation costs, that I did attend the meeting. For the two hours that I was there, unable to give verbal testimony, I did visit with local producers, community leaders, and a cousin whom works for BPA as the Columbia/Snake tribal liaison. Her job for those hearings was to mobilize and organize tribal members to attend in large numbers, someone to hold their hand in a promotional effort for dam removal. In that regard, she did an outstanding job. I question just what are BPA motives when the same entity which subsidizes salmon recovery efforts by dedicating millions of dollars to physical improvements fish passage on the existing Columbia/Snake River dams, is also funding efforts for their removal all at the rate payers expense!

With all the conflicts, I hope that you can see through the smoke and mirrors and make an unbiased assessment, taking into account just how economic crippling such a drastic gamble, such as dam removal would have to the Pacific Northwest area.

Sincerely,



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