



## Federal Caucus Public Comment Form

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All comments on the All-H Paper--written, e-mailed and oral-- will be analyzed and considered in a summary report, with responses at the time of the final All-H paper. The comment period closes March 17, 2000.

Please hand in comments at the open house written comment table or mail them to: Federal Caucus Comment Record; c/o BPA-PL, 707 W. Main St., Suite 500, Spokane, Wa. 99201

*Please use this page to comment on issues related to the Federal Caucus All-H Paper. Please use the Corps EIS Public Comment Form and the Corps John Day Study Comment Form to make comments on those documents. You do not have to limit your comments to this page only - use as many pages as necessary!*

The Federal Caucus welcomes comments on all and any aspects of the All-H Paper. Comments related to the following might be among those you consider:

- Scope of consideration
- Range of options in each H
- Adequacy of analyses presented
- Existing or additional analyses
- Adequacy of/ or additional alternatives
- Appropriateness of goals and objectives

I attended a public meeting in Idaho Falls, Idaho March 7, 2000. I listened to many people give their opinions on salmon recovery. Many numbers and statistics were quoted. Everyone there had different ideas and concerns. All the numbers spoken of cannot be true. Someone is lying. Many individuals and groups have other objectives and agendas besides salmon recovery (BACK)

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as their final goals. This meeting was to determine the best way to increase salmon numbers. It became more of a debate. Do we breach the dams or not. The idea here is to find a way for people and fish and wildlife to co-exist. People should come before fish. Breaching dams is a giant step backwards. For the record I am very much opposed to this action. Breaching dams would cause the cost of food, fuel, energy, transportation, lumber and many other things to increase. Dams are here for the benefit of all people. They provide clean, efficient energy, irrigation, transportation, recreation, flood control, etc. Fish ladders, barging and trucking fish, hatcheries, predator control and a decrease in the harvest of fish, will increase numbers. The aggressive harvest of fish by people and predators can not result in more fish. Another major concern of mine is water rights. Water rights to farmers are as sacred as treaty rights are to Native Americans. Water owned by individuals should not be taken away for any reason. This is America. We should look to the future, where people and fish and wildlife can co-exist. If salmon recovery is our true objective let's take our time and find a real, sensible solution.

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