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Our Seed Doesn't Cost, "IT PAYS"

Dear Jerry:

I just wanted to put a couple of ideas down for you to use as you see fit concerning the breaching of the dams.

1) I wonder if the Army Corp. of Eng. maybe does not have any project going at the time and needs to be doing something just to validate it's existence. They seem to be arrogant and unwilling to negotiate. They seem to be playing for special interest groups.

2) I feel that the whole Salmon thing could be a veiled attempt by California to get our water again.

This species of salmon is not extinct and is regarded as a trash fish in Alaska

3) I feel that it is too highly supportive of the sport fishermen and other special interest groups at the expense of those of us whose livelihood depends on the water.

4) Breaching the dams has not been proved to be the only solution. In many cases there is enough sill built up behind the dam that it would take years before a channel would reestablish itself.

5) Q. Does there seem to be some jealousy by other power users of our relative cheap power?

6) In todays economy if you raise power rates and take away the water we would finish off financially those few farmers that still are trying to hang on.

7) We have been fortunate that a few farsighted people made use of this renewable resource when they did for we would never be able to have another project in today's 'Happy Hiker, Tree Hugging society'.

8) I always think that a renewable resource such as water and hydro is the preferred alternative to nuclear (which has an undesirable by-product).

Thanks,

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