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TESTIMONY FOR PUBLIC HEARING - ELECTED OFFICIALS

SEATTLE CENTER PAVILION

FEBRUARY 29, 2000

SAVE OUR DAMS

I am totally and adamantly against the removal of Dams. I heard on the news the other night that global warming is still a concern, mostly due to gas emissions from cars and some homes due to natural gas burning. Is this where we want to go because we will if we take away hydro power - a clean power source. I certainly know that environmentalists don't want global warming to continue or worsen nor do they want the quality of the air to deteriorate thus ending up with air pollution.

Many rivers without dams in the Puget Sound drainage system have suffered the same fate as the Elwha when it comes to dwindling salmon and steelhead stocks. The one common denominator to all these rivers is "gill netting". 98% of all harvestable fish could be caught with gill nets according to the 1956 annual report of the International Pacific Salmon Commission, a report from the Canadian Fisheries.

According to Pat Moore of the Forest Alliance in B. C. "salmon stocks in regions of B. C. were collapsing because of changing ocean conditions, not commercial logging practices".

Some of the effects of a decision to breach dams could be of economic ruin; farmers without water to grow their crops, transportation nightmares of 700,000 trucks that would replace Snake River barges and businesses and individuals having to pay higher rates for a non-clean power source.

Dam breaching could displace 150 million cubic yards of sediments, some toxic, which Corps officials believe would make stretches of the Snake and Columbia Rivers unhealthy for migrating salmon for several years after breaching was complete.

If the salmon are an endangered species, why are we still letting people fish for them and eat them?

I urge you to look at all the options like harvest and hatcheries which are vital ingredients and must be incorporated into any plan not just the "one size fits all" approach.

Environmental standards must be based on the best science, market-driven technologies that can provide solutions, and government should encourage innovation and going beyond compliance.

"EXTREMES ARE THE REFUGE OF THE IGNORANT" Dr. Bill Wattenburg

I say, let's not be ignorant but make sound and intelligent decisions for all "A WIN-WIN SITUATION".

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The community of Quincy has depended on and still depends on and will in the future continue to depend on water and its benefits, but it hydro power in its natural state. We use the water to cool and irrigate on God's great natural soil to produce fresh food for the consumer world wide and the hydro power for its environmentally clean power to run machines and equipment and especially to be able to see at night so that we can continue to read to our children the good educational books made from God's natural given products.

The removal of a few dams will only snowball into removal of more dams which will destroy what beautiful and bountiful land we now have.

The northwest region needs the electricity the dams produce and supply to our own state as well as other states like California.

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