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My name is Karen Alexander, I work for Paper, Allied Industrial, Chemical & Energy Workers, Local 8-369. I am also a long-time resident of the Hi City area.

I feel that dam breaching should not be an option or even on the table at this point. With all the devastation breaching would cause to our area. You have to look at less severe measures in Salmon & Steelhead recovery.

Some of these are:

1- Controlled fishing in the rivers, & ocean this includes net fishing
2- Improving salmon habitat in up-river spawning areas.
3- Improving water management.
4- We need to continue studying and improving projects to get migrating fish past the dams.

I am NOT convinced that dam breaching will bring back salmon & steelhead, and I haven't heard of any specific study that guarantees it.

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I ask the National Marine Fisheries and the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers to eliminate dams breaching as an option for Salmon Recovery.

Thank-you

Please eliminate the idea of breaching of the dams as an option for Salmon + Steelhead Recovery.

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