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Department of Army
Walla Walla District Corp of Engineers
201 N 3rd Ave.
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

Re: Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Feasibility Report

Dear Sirs:

I urge you to reject alternatives in your report that would breach lower Snake River Dams. It is totally incomprehensible to consider the breaching of these dams. First and foremost, what would we use to replace the clean and efficient energy these dams produce? Would you suggest going back to nuclear or fossil fuel that would pollute the ecosystem to a higher degree than clean hydroelectric generation?

Negative factors to be considered would be increased transportation, further eroding the quality of life and ecosystem due to the large volume of trucks needed to transport goods down to point of destination. The water table would be highly impacted, and it would have a tremendous effect on the quality of life for citizens who have homes in the area and have farmed this area for generations.

Last, but not least, the economy of our magnesium and magnesium alloy market would be greatly impacted. Employment in the area would be devastated and to be quite frank - there is absolutely no proof that breaching the dams would enhance the salmon population!

As a member of the Natural Resources Committee, I think it bears repeating that predators, netting, and conditions in the ocean contribute to the demise of the salmon far greater than any dam.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob".

Bob Sump
State Representative