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Federal Caucus Comment Record  
C/o BPA - PL  
707 W Main St., #500  
Spokane WA 99201

RE: Lower Snake River Feasibility Report

Dear Sirs and Madams;

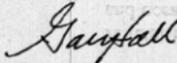
This letter is to comment on the Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Feasibility Report. As a concerned citizen with a family to feed and educate, it is unbelievable to me that the federal government would consider breaching the Lower Snake River dams without totally exhausting the other alternatives, including:

- A total ban on harvest including sport fishing, so called "cultural" harvesting, and ocean harvesting. I can not understand why the government has not taken significant action to eliminate the consumption of this endangered species.
- Elimination of the infamous tern island colony at the mouth of the Columbia River. As I understand it, this man-made environmental disaster is allowed to continue while the government takes little or no action.
- Implementation of "salmon friendly" turbines in the existing dams. I understand that this technology exists. If so, let's at least give it a try before we abandon the dams.

The devastating effects of dam breaching on this region's agriculture, transportation network, and electrical power supply are so severe that all the above - listed alternatives should be exhausted before dam breaching is even considered.

In a nutshell, the government's policy should be: **"Don't catch 'em - Don't eat 'em."**  
Just like it is with every other endangered species.

Thank you.



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