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Re: Snake River Salmon

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Brigadier General Carl A. Strock
Department of the Army
Walla Walla District Corps. Of engineers
Attention: Lower Snake River Study
201 North Third Avenue
Walla Walla, Washington 99362-1876

Dear General Strock,

It has been brought to our attention that the Army Corps. of engineers is considering measures to address the problem of salmon depletion on the lower Snake River. Ohio may seem a long way from the Snake River and it's concerns, however many Ohio sportsmen are fortunate enough to be able to fish the waters of the western states, including the Snake. If the salmon population were to disappear, it would be an enormous loss not only to the environment and the sportsmen of the Lower Snake basin, but to those of us that are privileged to visit and fish these waters. Having reviewed the methods used to deal with this problem to date, and those that have been proposed for future consideration, the complete or partial removal of the dams on this section of the Snake would seem to be the most beneficial solution. Current attempts to propagatae the salmon population is both expensive and not working. Removing the dams would allow the salmon to solve their own population problems, increase the economic potential of the area, and save tax payers a considerable amount of money. This countrys sportsmen are loosing ground daily to special interests and over development. The Corps. has a chance to help restore a special place that has fallen victim to good ideas, that aren't.

Sincerely,

John Lieb
Environmental Committee
League Of Ohio Sportsmen