

Dear National Marine Fisheries Service

We need salmon, so the four Lower Snake dams don't make sense. The vast majority of scientists agree that bypassing the four Lower Snake dams is the essential foundation for saving endangered salmon and steelhead in the watershed.

The big fish also need protection and restoration of habitat on public and private lands throughout the Columbia Basin. Your "All-H" science paper correctly finds that dam bypass is the only action which helps all salmon runs in the Snake Basin, and which can restore the big fish to harvestable numbers. Your document also points out that Snake Basin salmon are dangerously close to extinction, so further delay is not an option.

The National Marine Fisheries Service must recommend bypass of the four Lower Snake dams – combined with aggressive efforts to protect and restore fish habitat – to save endangered salmon and steelhead.