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We need salmon and those dams don't make sense!

Dear National Marine Fisheries Service, Army Corps. of Engineers, Vice President Gore, Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, and Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley,

We need salmon and those dams don't make sense!

I am writing to express my support for partially removing four dams on the lower Snake River to recover endangered Snake River salmon and steelhead. If these dams are not bypassed, the risk of extinction is unacceptably high. In addition, dam removal will benefit the region's economy by ending spending on ineffective recovery measures, avoiding reparations to native tribes and Canada for broken treaties, providing prized whitewater recreation opportunities, and recovering sport and commercial fishing economies.

I realize some local communities and specific industries have come to depend on these dams. However, I'm convinced that, with your leadership, we can design and implement mitigation packages and transition plans that will allow us to shift to a salmon-friendly economy without significant upheaval. The Clinton administration and its agencies must make sure that such mitigation and transition studies are done and made available for consideration with the revised draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for release later this year.

Removal of the four Lower Snake River dams is the best choice for the Northwest and the Nation. I urge the Administration and Congress to defend salmon and the Northwest communities by making dam removal the preferred alternative for Snake River Salmon Recovery.

Please include this as part of the official comment for the National Marine Fisheries Service's All-H Paper and the Army Corps of Engineers' Draft Environmental Impact Statement.