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**To:** [Species Conservation](#)  
**Subject:** NO to breaching dams  
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to voice my position of “NO” to breaching the four lower Snake River dams. Please sustain these dams!

The dams provide control of water resources for transportation, agriculture, recreation, flood control and power generation. They are a critical part of the economic infrastructure of the Pacific Northwest.

Dams has NOT been proven to be sole or even primary source of low salmon numbers. Warm ocean temperatures, predators, and primarily harvest by humans are huge contributors to the salmon struggle. Let’s not cause new problems by an unwise but well-intentioned effort to solve old ones.

Thank you,

**Alice Bartschi**

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**From:** [Ken Dizes](#)  
**To:** [Species Conservation](#)  
**Subject:** Salmon Work Group Comments  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 24, 2019 10:21:05 AM

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Salmon Work Group:

As the General Manager of an Electric Cooperative located on the banks of the Salmon River, I have been following the Salmon Work Groups activities. I offer up the following comments:

- Lower Snake River Dam removal is not a good Idaho solution to help our salmon and steelhead runs and I appreciate the Governor taking this option off the table. Climate change is real and it makes no sense to remove the dams.
- Idaho should support an all H approach ( hydro, hatchery, harvest, habitat) to helping our fish.
- Fish passage at hydro dams has improved due to large investments in fish passage systems. We should continue to make investments that make sense in this area.
- Some incredible work has been done with habitat restoration work in Idaho, which should help our fish.
- I believe hatcheries are good for Idaho anglers and have provided more fish.
- I'm not convinced enough has been done on harvest especially in the ocean and lower Columbia.
- Ocean conditions and its effects on fish needs to be better understood.
- Predation is a huge problem for fish

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to comment.

Regards,  
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## **Governor's Salmon Workgroup Public Comment Form**

Comments to the Governor's Salmon Workgroup will be accepted in-person or by email submitted to [species@osc.idaho.gov](mailto:species@osc.idaho.gov)

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**Comments:**

I would like to extend my support to the Salmon Workgroup and applaud their efforts to try to find solutions to stabilize and enhance diminishing Salmon Populations. It is the responsibility of us all to be stewards of the resources we are so fortunate to enjoy.

We are fortunate enough to have dams in the rivers that benefit us all in one way or another, whether it be through flood control, irrigation of crops which provide food, recreational activities, or the electricity generated that every one of us enjoy.

There have been diminishing Salmon Populations for the last decade, caused primarily by ocean conditions, predation, and harvesting. These are all problems that cant be resolved by simply removing dams.

It is my opinion that the removal of dams should not even be considered as a viable option in the sustaining of healthy Salmon populations. The impact dams play on the Salmon survival rate is so minmal, it would make as much sense to remove a 20 mile stretch of Interstate 5 in hopes of reducing harvests on Salmon. It just does not make sense!

Thanks for the oppurtunity to comment!

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