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Regards, Derek Gendvil 9030 W Sahara Ave Las Vegas, NV 89117

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Regards, Jose DeSousa 1301 N 11th St Boise, ID 83702

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Regards, Kelley Cooper 5418 N Liverpool Ave Boise, ID 83714

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Sydney Croteau 1670 E Sweetwater Cir Post Falls, ID 83854

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Regards, Rhea Verbanic 175 Goat Mountain Rd Bonners Ferry, ID 83805

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More Than Ever, We All Need a "Greater Good" Mentality

As COVID-19 continues to ravage humanity both near and far, a general truth again takes center stage: we advance when we intentionally pursue the greatest possible good for the greatest number of people—especially when such efforts emphasize protecting and lifting up our most vulnerable; we do grave harm to all when we prioritize self-interest, special interests and/or tribalism.

Granted, distinction between "greater good" and special interest isn't always clear. In fact, one of our most common—and most destructive—pitfalls is equating the former and the latter: believing that a personal or group preference is best for the whole.

Fortunately, all of us can (mostly) avoid this well-worn trap with two crucial tests: does a belief or policy have an "us vs. them" basis or character? And, are any of humankind's/society's subgroupings viewed (by a belief system or policy) as more/less worthy, acceptable or important?

If 'yes' to either, be certain that such beliefs/policies, when widely applied*, only perpetuate the conflicts and self-sabotage that have plagued humans for millennia. Long-lasting, universal advancement requires a definitive 'no' to both.

(*Self-interest and special interests, when acknowledged as such, applied narrowly and in cooperative pursuit of society's universal progress, aren't inherently harmful.)

Meanwhile, 'greater good' doesn't mean that everyone always benefits exactly equally, or that no one will ever feel disadvantaged. Trade-offs—sometimes complicated—are unavoidable.

Nevertheless, rather than relying almost entirely on our daily, self-absorbed, close-up perspective

(and/or long-entrenched beliefs), a wide-angle world view usually reveals the clear best path.

COVID-19 is harshly reminding us that we're all part of the same interconnected, interdependent, inseparable web—where self-interest and special interests can cause immeasurable harm, and subverting the unalienable rights of others ultimately harms oneself. Thus, for everyone's sake—not least our own—let all of us strive to remember that each advances best when we all advance together.

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Regards, jeremy fryberger 151 4th St W Ketchum, ID 83340

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Regards, Carol Yerden 11 Casey Rd North Fork, ID 83466

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I have lived in North Idaho for 31 years, on the Clearwater River and Coeur d'Alene Lake. Both regions are deeply enriched by the availability of salmon and steelhead. These fishes MUST be protected to the utmost. I expect you to do so!

Regards, Nancy Lewis 8590 N Rude St Hayden, ID 83835

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Regards, Scott Friedman 100 Sun Valley Rd Sun Valley, ID 83353

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Regards, Eliah Brown 49 Mores Creek Cir Boise, ID 83716

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Regards, Alida Bockino

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Regards, Richard Rusnak 2400 S Wildrye Way Nampa, ID 83686

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Regards, Marilyn McIntyre 296 4th St Ponderay, ID 83852

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I urge Governor Little and the Governor's Work Group to carefully weigh the long term consequences that reliance on hatcheries will have to Idaho's wild salmon and steelhead. While I acknowledge that hatchery science is continually improving and that supplementation has played a role in providing angling opportunity, I question the strategy that more hatchery fish is the answer to recovering badly depleted returns to Idaho.

You are all aware of the decades of scientific research that lays out the irrefutable facts that hatchery reared salmon and steelhead ARE NOT equal to naturally produced wild fish because:

Wild fish provide the genetic and life history diversity that enhance and protect these species long term.

Hatchery produced fish have a higher mortality rate than do their wild, naturally produced counterparts. They return very little in the way of ocean derived nutrients back to diverse and wide spread river and streams.

Hatchery releases cause an unnaturally high concentration of juveniles entering rivers and therefore create unnatural competition for space and forage while also increasing predation. Wild fish have adapted strategies that prevent these surges of fish in any one river reach. Anglers will have a much wider range of fishing opportunity into the future if wild fish are returning to all the under utilized habitat that is becoming increasingly available to them. Hatchery produced angling opportunities concentrate fishermen in specific reaches, lessening the quality of the angling experience. Hatcheries reduce the economic benefits that anglers provide to a few communities rather than to an entire geographic range where wild fish occur.

I could continue with the benefits of wild fish versus hatchery fish but my main question I would like the Governor and the Work Group to consider, - what is it that we want to leave as a legacy to future Idahoans? We are the current generation tasked with making a long term commitment to save wild salmon and steelhead. Or will we fail that responsibility and resort to a future of pen raised fish, a lower quality experience and a natural and beautiful part of Idaho that no longer has ocean migrating fish swimming wild and free within her borders?

The fairest way to move to a healthier and more economically sustainable future is to address the needs of those who benefit from the four lower Snake River dams and give them viable options while providing Idaho's fish a real river in which to migrate to and from Idaho. Let's not sacrifice Idaho's natural resources and economic future because we fail to explore options. Our fish just need a functioning river.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and I deeply appreciate the time and commitment that our Governor and this Work Group have dedicated to protecting Idaho and it's amazing wild resources.

Regards, Jerry Myers 194 Indian Creek Rd North Fork, ID 83466

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Regards, Brent Davy 3742 S Caddis Pl Boise, ID 83712

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The return of salmon and steelhead to Idaho's rivers "can't" wait any longer on the "lack of action" by government agencies, dam operators, and electrical companies. Idaho citizens (i.e., guides, anglers, small businesses, etc.) have waited patiently while government (ACOE - Army Corp of Engineers, BPA - Bonneville Power Administration, etc.) efforts to improve migration and our rural communities can't afford to continue the way things are now.

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Regards, Bruce Connery 7812 S 4500 W Victor, ID 83455

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Idaho residents...including outfitters, guides, anglers, and local businesses and communities along Idaho's rivers cant wait any longer for salmon and steelhead to return to Idaho's rivers. A few hundred salmon or steelhead is not, and has not, been a successful result of the actions by ACOE (Army Corp of Engineers), BPA (Bonneville Power Administration), and other water-dam-electric organizations. The Idaho workgroup needs to develop a progessive strategy to restore salmon-steelhead to their once sustaining populations and in doing so restore struggling businesses dependent on vibrant and healthy rivers. Such a strategy would ensure that all other industries (i.e., grain growers, timber products, electric producers, etc.) have a roadmap that ensures their work and livelihoods for today as well as the future.

The work group, employing a collaborative, fact based and Idaho residents (not just agriculture, energy producers, etc.) consensus driven public process that results in a forward looking strategy with recommendations to restore abundant, sustainable, and well distributed populations of salmon and steelhead in Idaho for present and future generations. The strategy, with recommendations, facts, and a process to bring in new information to update the strategy, will be given to Governor Little and be handed on to future governors to enrich Idaho with fish and healthy businesses statewide.

The recently released draft EIS (Environmental Impact Statement/Army Corp of Engineers-etc.) for the lower Snake River Dams was seriously flawed with incorrect, or simply WRONG, facts and information that lead to a inaccurate and unrealistic preferred alternative. The draft EIS suggested erroneously that electric prices would increase for all Idahoans and Idaho Electric providers, and this was a false conclusion based on false, inaccurate, and incorrectly presented information about the dams, recreation use numbers, recent availability of extra electric power, the power coming from new and increasing solar and wind energy producers, the economic productivity created by the dams, and more. Using such a faulty document clearly points out why the Idaho's Salmon Workgroup needs to conduct it's own thorough investigation of how to

restore Idaho's Salmon and Steelhead populations, protect todays' and future generations of Idahoans and Idaho businesses (all of them...motels, guides, boat builders and fishing tackle businesses, as well as farmers and agriculture, timber and forest products, visitation, and so many more).

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Identifying the Salmon Workgroup was the first positive step in this undertaking, and through an inclusive and fact driven process, Gov. Little and this Workgroup will identify and initiate a forward looking strategy to restore Idaho's native species (salmon, steelhead, and so many more) and protect the lives and livelihoods of Idaho residents.

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Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your participation in this workgroup and your commitment to restoring abundant and sustainable salmon and steelhead runs in Idaho. Ensuring that these fish have a bright future in our home state is important to me, as it is to many other Idahoans who understand the value these fish provide to community, environment and economy.

Although I'm a resident of the Wood River Valley, for the last two summers my work has brought me north to Alaska. Prior to visiting, I had only ever witnessed salmon through the narrow lens of scarcity. I grew up on the coast of Maine where Atlantic salmon runs have all but dissipated. In college, I worked as a research fellow tracing the decline of salmon in the Columbia River Basin. Suddenly, I found myself in a landscape abundant with salmon. Fishing guides and lodge owners made a healthy living sharing their sacred fishing spots with wide-eyed

visitors. People came from around the world to witness the salmon runs that thrived in this pristine habitat.

Spending time in Alaska was a stark reminder of what has been lost overtime in our home state, but also presented the possibility of what we could regain if we act now. I want my children to know an Idaho with lively and robust salmon populations, one where rivers and streams without these fish would seem like a preposterous reality. I hope that they will recognize the stocky jaw and black gums of a chinook salmon, the vivid red flesh of a spawning sockeye and dip their toes in a Redfish Lake that lives up to its namesake.

We are at a turning point where we have the opportunity to decide what kind of future we walk towards. Restoring healthy and abundant fish runs in Idaho will require bold action and a deliberate pivot from the status quo of the last several decades. Our unique cold water refuges offer our fish a fighting chance that they are not afforded in other places. I believe it is possible to create large-scale policy changes that are collaborative in nature, rooted in science and meet the needs of diverse stakeholders. We have the opportunity to build a new sustainable energy system that ensures the longevity of our vital salmon and steelhead. I'm counting on the Workgroup to lead Idaho toward this future.

Thank you,

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Regards, William Caccia 3054 Saddle Dr Helena, MT 59601

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We saw 2 trucks of Bannock Shoshone Native Americans (1B and 4B license plates) with fish spears on their racks, and a bag full of salmon they speared that day as well. Although I never spoke to them, I did at a Pow Wow at Fort Hall years later, and had a chance to listen to the elders talk about the salmon and the spiritual connection that the fish has to native cultures.

I started running rivers in the early 70's and vividly recall my first Middle Fork of the Salmon float trip. We launched from Dagger Falls-the launch site at that time and how after we rigged our rafts, we sat by the falls and watched salmon after salmon attempt to jump the rapids-hooting and howlering every time a fish launched itself into the falls. We counted over 30 salmon that night! Our those first trips on the Middle Fork, we watched as guides taught their clients how to fish for and catch Salmon, and we had members of our party land a couple too. I, just like the Salmon, was hooked. I became a river guide starting in 1978 and since then have logged over 100 trips on the Middle Fork, over 70 on the Main Salmon. However, nothing stirs my memory like those experiences and early trips did.

We still have one of the most pristine water sheds in the world in the Salmon River Basin, yet since the lower Snake dams were built, the salmon and steelhead populations have shrunk to now near extinction. Hatchery fish are not the solution, habitat restoration, although a key component if and when fish do recover, is not the solution, throwing money into more studies is not the solution. There is one solution- removing the 4 lower Snake River Dams. Those are our fish clogged up in the back water of those dams, it is our water held up in dams, and it is our communities, our native peoples, our jobs, and our way of life that are also dying in the slack water of those 4 dams. Please consider the only viable solution to restoring Salmon and Steelhead runs to safe and secure levels: Put dam removal on the table for discussion/solution

and put grain on trains to help reach a broader variety of markets for our valuable farm communities and farm families. Honor treaty rights of our Native American neighbors. Lets build a Green energy complex that rivals any project in the world to replace the hydro electric power lost, and cut our carbon footprint in the process. Let's remove the four lower Snake River Dams and restore our Salmon and Steelhead. Perhaps your children will one day have the opportunity to watch Salmon jump Dagger Falls just as I once did. Respectfully, Bill Caccia

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Regards, Nancy Hartung 207 W 1st St Moscow, ID 83843

I am encouraged by the collaborative commitment the members of the Workgroup have made. Had I not procrastinated I would have informed the Columbia River System Draft EIS I preferred MO 3 over the CRS Preferred Alternative that in my opinion is more of the status quo and no closer to recovery of Idaho's fish stocks making the dangerous slog up and down the CRS. I have seen the investment and commitment of farmers and ranchers in the Lemhi River basin to make Habitat for fish. Reading the basics of a recap of the Workgroup will not result in an Idaho collaborative solution. I urge the members to stay the collaborative course. The recovery and ultimate delisting of the Idaho anadromous fish stocks is my urgent plea for the Workgroup to put as an overarching goal.

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I am Joe Anderson from Potlatch, Idaho. I am fourth generation on our family farm that my great grandfather acquired in 1903. Since shipping on the River system became available from Lewiston, nearly 100% of my wheat and much of my edible legumes have gone down river to a facility for loading ocean going vessels. Maintaining this system of transportation is critical to my operation. I am basically in the business of exporting food to those in need all over the World and our river system provides a means to accomplish this Worldwide distribution in an environmentally sensitive and economically efficient way.

Today, I will not dwell on how many trucks or rail cars would be needed to replace barge shipping. Nor will I again point out the energy savings involved. Nor will I try to explain how many factors, some not well understood, effect fish survival and return. There will be conflicting testimony, exaggerations, accusations, enough as this hearing progresses.

What I will say is that we live in a World, in an environment, in a political and economic system, where tradeoffs are always necessary. Biology is not always an exactly science. There are many and, at times, conflicting factors that must be taken into account. How much weight should each of these factors receive? There will always be tradeoffs.

I will also say that attention needs to be taken as to cause and effect. Correlations do not establish cause and effect. At times we see more fish and at times less. In Nature, populations of species are cyclical. Just because there is a correlation in the number of a species with some factor does not establish cause and effect from that factor. Since the dams on the Lower Snake River have gone in, we have seen fish populations at lower levels at times, but we have also seen fish populations that have come upriver at an all-time high. There are many, many factors that enter into these cyclical variations. Since the dams have been put in place, efforts to sustain fish populations, as a whole, have been successful. Yesterday the Lewiston Tribune had front page head lines indicating that fall run steel head season my be curtailed (timely?). As we investigate, we must conclude that there are many factors, some as yet unknown that account for variations in this population. To conclude that the four dams on the Lower Snake River are the cause of fewer fish does not properly take into account the various other factors that influence population variations.

There is no doubt that if we take hysteria and emotion out of the equation, and utilize the best science and technology, over time, we can maintain the Lower Snake River Dams and have sustainable fish populations.

Sincerely,

Joe Anderson