

Dear Governor's Salmon Workgroup Members,

Let's be the generation that takes bold action to bring back the amazing salmon. I do not want to have to tell stories about these amazing species to my grandchildren, I want to be able to show them living examples of these fish. Let's do the right thing for these fish and us, let's breach the dams. In the long run it is the cheapest solution and the one that will be the most successful. Just think how exciting it will be as we chart the increasing populations of the salmon over time. Let's be the generation that will be known for bringing back the salmon, not the one that let them go extinct. We know what the best course of action is, let's do it!!

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I expect the workgroup to continue making progress in order to take bold action to find solutions for salmon and steelhead and Idaho communities.

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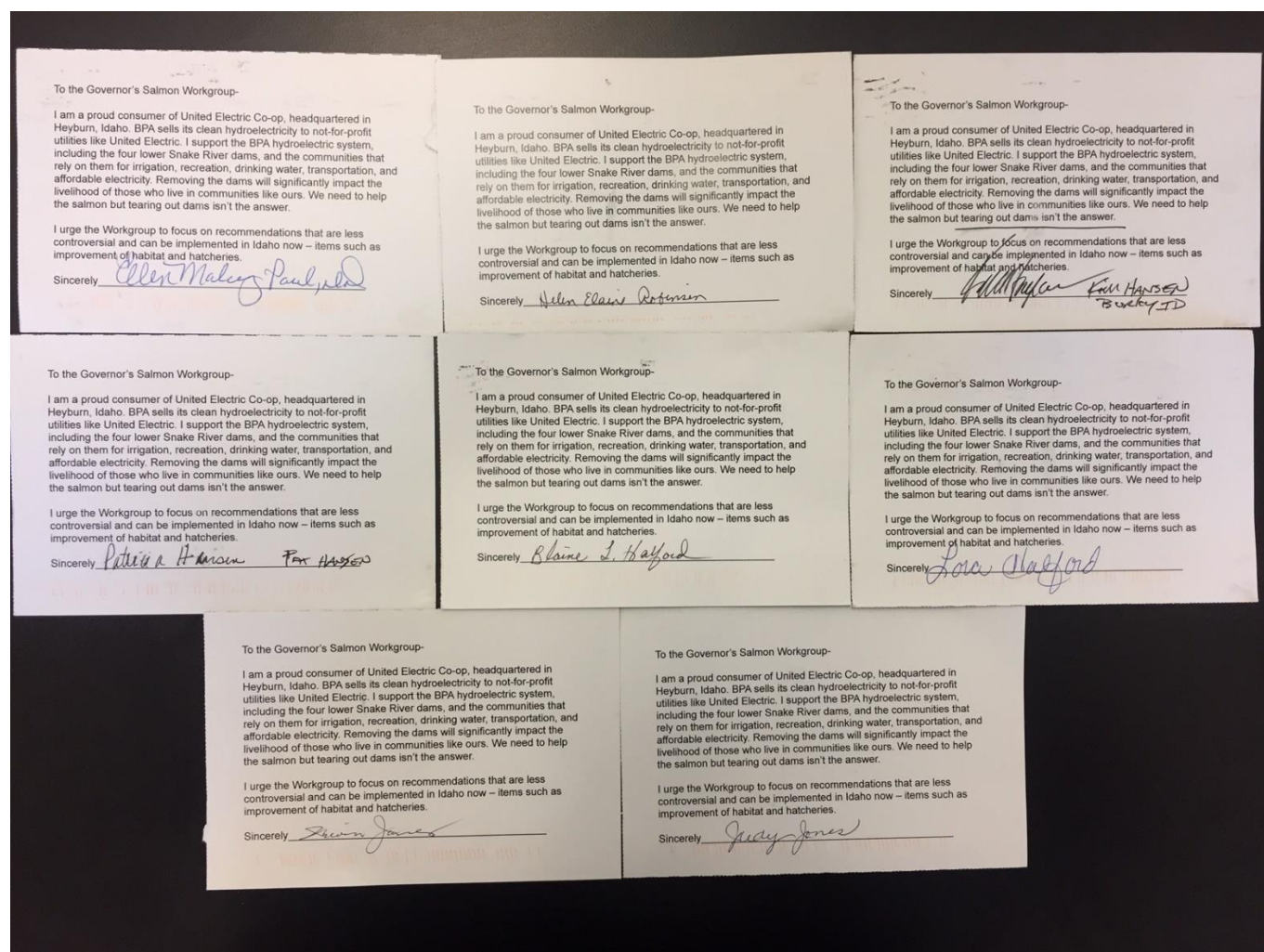
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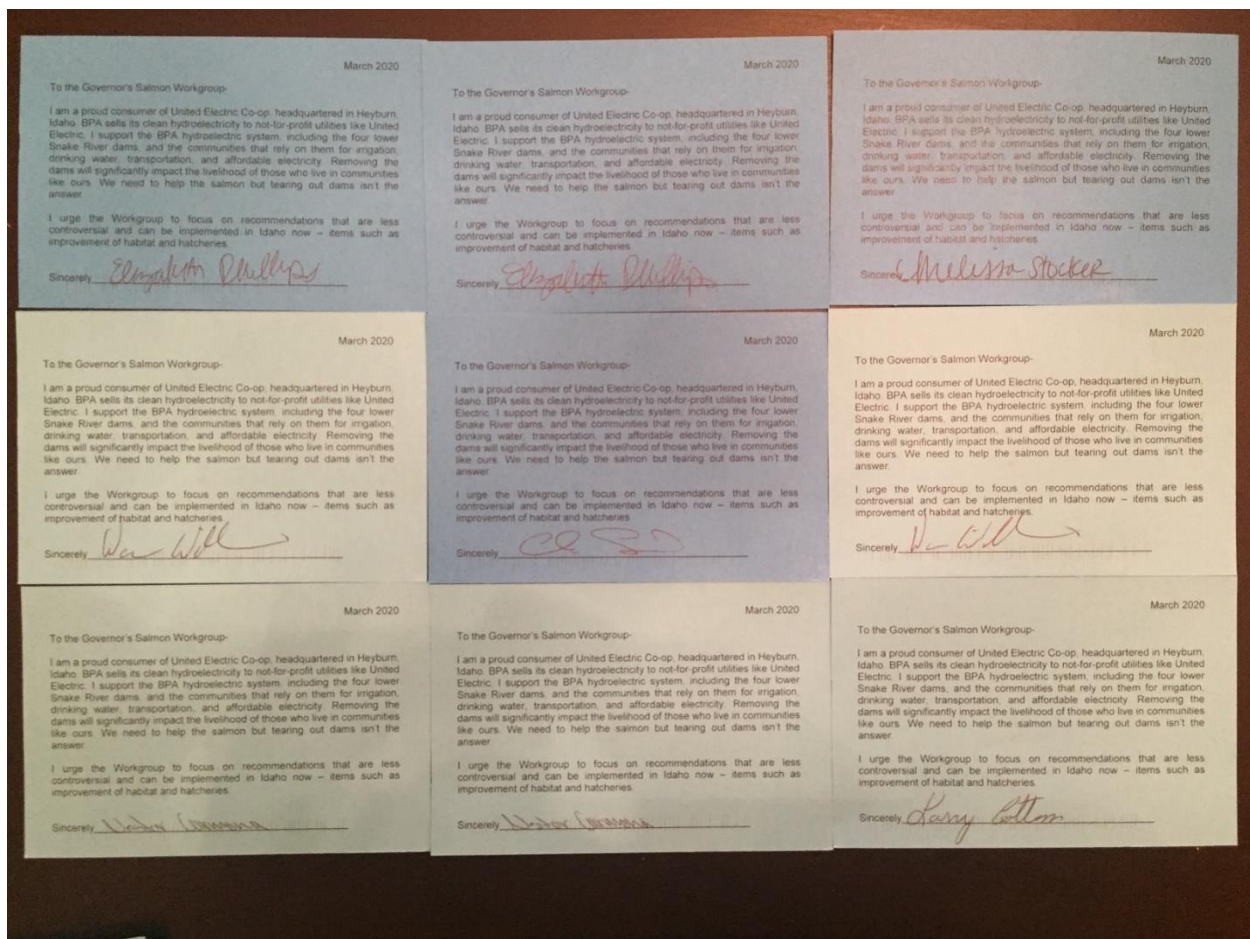
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