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Governor's Salmon Workgroup Members, Staff, and Interested Parties,

I wish to thank you for your service on my Salmon Workgroup. Your time, dedication, collaboration, and thoughtful effort has produced a timely report to me with 29 germane policy recommendations. Implementation of your recommendations will move Idaho closer to meeting our goal to have healthy and abundant stocks of salmon and steelhead while fulfilling tribal needs, keeping Idaho river communities whole, and making Idaho's economy vibrant.

My focus as Governor is for Idaho to be the place where we all can have the opportunity to thrive, where our children and grandchildren choose to stay, and for the ones who have left to choose to return. Our collective desire to restore abundant, sustainable, and well distributed populations of salmon and steelhead for present and future generations is consistent with this overarching goal for Idaho.

I have reviewed your report and policy recommendations, and I plan to carry forward all 29 recommendations as my administration enters into local, state, and regional dialogue. I commend you for your development of meaningful recommendations that will serve as a catalyst for improvement and for additional opportunities within Idaho and in the broader Columbia Basin.

Idaho has shown time after time that we are a leader in collaborative conservation efforts. Thanks to your efforts, Idaho is better positioned to advocate and implement policies that move us closer to abundant and sustainable populations of salmon and steelhead for present and future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho