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Subject: Bring Back Our Salmon and Steelhead!
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Dear Governor Little and Salmon Workgroup Members,

I am totally sick and tired of waiting for all the agencies to put off the return of the salmon and steelhead to the Snake River and the Salmon River. For years it is the Feds ad then the States and then the economic problems. When are you going to think about the FISH and their return????? When are you going to stop studying and start action when the number of return of the fish keeps declining????? Is it gong to take 8 years like the Owyhee Wilderness study to satisfy all those effected to work out their ideas???? Or are you going to be big boys and get to work to breach the lower Snake River Dams NOW !!!!!

I worry our salmon and steelhead will go extinct if we don't do something now. Losing this important part of Idaho's history and culture would be a huge loss for all Idahoans.

Idahoans are paying many of the costs, but getting few of the benefits. We need to come together to find real solutions to bring back our fish. We've tried the same things over decades and salmon and steelhead are still on the verge of extinction.

We need bold ideas and we need to talk about what we can all do together, including talking about dams and other options. I urge you to come together around bold solutions for salmon/steelhead recovery.

My other thought is to work with Oregon and Washington people who live along the dams???? Are they on your committee?

GET TO WORK AND BE EFFECTIVE!!!

Thank you.

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

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Comments:

I believe that it is important that we save the salmon. The salmon are an important source of food for many other species besides humans. Once that food resource is gone many birds, bears, sea lions, whales (particularly the orcas), and any other sea life dependent on that source of food will also become extinct.

Every time I visit Red Fish Lake, I am amazed at the lack of birds in the area. My impression is that this shortage is caused by a lack of fish in the lake, A lack of native fish have impacted the bird populations, which have decided to go to other areas where food is more plentiful.

The dams that make it impossible for the fish to return to their spawning grounds need to be removed. If we are to save the salmon from extinction, Governor Little needs to put the removal of the dams from the Snake River on the table. Otherwise we are wasting taxpayer's money and time at the expense of the salmon. To use farming and electricity generation as an excuse to keep the dams is no longer valid. The days where we get our food from the local family farm is no longer as we import most of our food from other countries, With solar and wind power in the horizon, the electricity generated by those outdated dams is no longer needed and is mostly going to waste.