

From: [Joanne Richter](#)
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Subject: Bold action needed
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Dear members of ID Governor's Salmon Workgroup. I had the opportunity to attend the meeting of the Salmon Workgroup in Lewiston on September 20th. As a water resources scientist I have participated on similar work groups, and was struck by what seemed to be a lack of understanding of what the purpose of this committee was.

Many salmon advocates including six Northwest chapters of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness are working hard to raise awareness about the impacts that the four Lower Snake River Dams are having on wild Snake River salmon as well as Orca pods in the Salish Sea.

There is an **urgent need** to take bold action to bring these species back from the brink of extinction, yet I felt no sense of urgency or direction from the Salmon Workgroup. As one of the committee member suggested, it is imperative that the committee hear from scientists such as Russ Thurow and Jim Waddell, as well as from economists from ECONorthwest and the NW Energy Coalition.

There must be a frank discussion of the current economic instability of the Bonneville Power Administration. The committee must also have a frank discussion of breaching the four Lower Snake River Dams that contribute little energy production to the grid, yet kill 50% of migrating Snake River juvenile salmon and steelhead. Data from the Fish Passage Center indicate that breaching the four Lower Snake River dams could lead to a fourfold increase in Snake River salmon and steelhead numbers.

Please broaden the purpose and direction of this committee, and open the discussion to include the possibility of dam breaching. Thank you for your work on these critical issues. Joanne

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"The idea of wilderness needs no defense. It only needs more defenders." Aldo Leopold

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Dam Removal is necessary to restore the Lower Snake River. Removal enables protection of endangered wild salmon and steelhead facing extinction, saves American taxpayer and Northwest energy consumer dollars, creates thousands of jobs regionally with further development of wind and solar infrastructure, and helps sustain and support endangered Southern Resident Orcas. In addition, we need to meet Treaty obligations to Native American Tribes in the Columbia-Snake Basin.

Please do the right thing- take action for salmon, orcas, taxpayers and healthy economy.

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