

**Comments for Idaho Governor's Salmon  
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To the Salmon Working Group;

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I also request that a copy of this email is delivered to Lt. Governor Janet McGeachin.

I have been following with interest the issue of protecting salmon and dams. Recently there have been a few articles that address a different approach to this issue which I am asking that the working group read if not already done.

This first article addresses a positive solution that will not only protect the salmon but will also preserve the dams which are necessary for local economies, power, flood prevention, and irrigation. In addition, the cost is so much more reasonable than the millions of dollars spent on tried solutions that apparently are not working.

<https://gemstatepatriot.com/blog/dam-removal-unnecessary-damage/>

In this article it addresses the recent declaration that the temperature needs to be reduced to protect the salmon. As the article states, that is not logically possible. Given the historical data that is presented, it seems that evolutionary adaptation has also been at work. Regardless, salmon have obviously been adapting to these changes, which is not to say that measures shouldn't be taken for further protection from increasing water temperatures. It seems the first article addresses this as well with the bypass channel. Another problem solved.

<https://gemstatepatriot.com/blog/salmon-recovery-why-removing-the-dams-should-be-prevented/>

What is most interesting is that this concept has already been tried and is successfully working. This is a solution that everyone can endorse. I would like to know if there has been any discussion on this type of solution.

<https://news.yahoo.com/nevada-dam-changes-rare-trout-154847814.html>

Thank you for your work. I would really appreciate your response to this email individually. I want to understand if these solutions are not viable, and why they would not be considered. These just seem like cost effective and reasonable solutions to consider.

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