

**Governor's Salmon Workgroup  
Public Comment Form**

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Comments:

I am pro photographer from wood River Valley.

- Idaho resident for over 25 years.
- Also a river guide.
- I am amazed by salmon. Their wild existence, their wild journey. Truly miraculous.
- **THEY ARE ALMOST EXTINCT.**
- As a tax payer I DONT CARE HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO SAVE THE SALMON.
- SALMON'S SPIRITUAL VALUE FAR OUTWEIGHS THE ECONOMIC COST OF WHATEVER IT TAKES TO TRY TO SAVE THEM.
- WE MUST BREACH THE 4 DAMS ON LOWER SNAKE RIVER & RETURN THE RIVER TO ITS WILD STATE. IF WE WANT WILD FISH, WE NEED WILD RIVERS AND WILD SEX FOR WILD FISH.
- WE HAVE TRIED TO BIOENGINEER THE SALMON ECOSYSTEM, BUT HAVE FAILED.
- TIME IS NOW! BREACH THOSE DAMS!
- WE SHOULD ALL BE IN A PANIC ABOUT HOW CLOSE THE SALMON ARE TO EXTINCTION!

"IF WE ARE GOING TO TINKER WITH THE ECOSYSTEM, THEN WE MUST SAVE ALL THE PARTS"  
ALDO LEOPOLD

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**From:** [Lawrence Flournoy](#)  
**To:** [Species Conservation](#)  
**Subject:** Fish  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2019 2:04:07 PM

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Dear Governor Little, We are all concerned about the failure of the restoration of salmon populations in Idaho. Over the past 30 years Bonneville power in the federal government have spent millions of dollars on restoration. The problem, as you are aware, is not from lack of outstanding habitat. The problem is The elephant in the room. The four dams on the snake river need to be removed immediately. It is time for us to have leadership at the state and federal level to Take the necessary action to accomplish salmon survival. We keep trying the same solutions which result in the same lack of success. The lower snake river dams provide less than 10% of the power generation capability of the basin. We need to find a solution that offsets the cost to the benefactors of these dams. Without drastic action soon we will have sealed the fate of salmon in Idaho forever.

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**From:** [Ray Brooks](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2019 5:18:58 PM

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I grew up in the Wood River Valley in the 1950's & did have the enjoyment as a teenager of almost landing one very-large Salmon River Chinook as a teen. It finally broke off with a lunge after we made eye contact from five feet away. I have known many folks who really enjoyed fishing for Idaho salmon & steelhead during the course of my life.

I first became aware of the danger to our native salmon runs while I was a Forestry student at the U of Idaho 1967 - 71. A field trip along the nice sandy shores of the South Fork Salmon, along with explanations from our teachers that much of the sand was from "blow-outs" of steep slope that had been clear-cut., made me realize that those blowouts had smothered most of the salmon spawning habitat, as well as destroyed aquatic insects in the river, & had nearly sterilized it.

Then in a fisheries management course the prof. explained that each dam put into the Columbia or Snake Rivers resulted in about 8% fewer salmon surviving their life cycle & returning to Idaho to spawn. He explained the four dams on the Lower Snake were a "tipping-point" in salmon survival in Idaho. Happily, a few years later, I was one of many who worked hard to prevent High Mountain Sheep Dam on the Snake & its re-regulating dam downstream on the Snake.

Somehow the Idaho Salmon runs survive, but we all know the odds are stacked against them. Now, in addition to those four lower Snake dams, we have bass along most of the Middle & Lower Salmon Rivers as well as in the Snake & Columbia. Caspian Terns at the mouth of the Columbia, more sediment in our rivers from the huge wildfires that have burned much of central Idaho in the last 25 years, & of course the wild-card of Global Warming.

I know it is time for the politicians to "bite the bullet," as Mike Simpson & Gov. Little have, and advocate for the removal of the Lower Snake River dams. That will also save a considerable amount of taxpayer money that subsidizes those dams every year.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Ray Brooks

**From:** [Noel Hudson](#)  
**To:** [Species Conservation](#)  
**Subject:** Snake River Dam Removal  
**Date:** Friday, November 1, 2019 1:13:49 PM

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It is time to remove these four dams on the Snake River and create an alternative plan for moving freight (vs barging).

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**From:** [D Beckstead](#)  
**To:** [Species Conservation](#)  
**Subject:** Never should have been built  
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The dams listed in the article, Ice Harbor, Little Goose, Lower Granite and the others should have never been built. They were built to fatten the wallets of the Bonneville Power Authority and their customers at the cost of at least two tremendously important species.

It amazes me at the hullabaloo that is caused by the feds when a minnow is threatened in the Colorado River, and yet a magnificent and ecologically important species is systematically removed. I liken it to nothing less than the Holocaust which occurred in World War II only this time we are killing a complete species of animal for the sake of monetary profits which are excessive and pad the back accounts of the wealthy.

Now is time to blast them out of existence and make upgrades to the dinosaur monoliths that have been placed in the Lower Columbia River and have far outlived their usefulness.

Emphatically,

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Salt Lake City, Utah and Salmon fisherman for over 60 years.