

## BPA Public Involvement

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**From:** backstrommikeyb@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2004 4:30 PM  
**To:** BPA Public Involvement  
**Subject:** Comment on Summer Spill Proposal

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Stephan J. Wright, Administrator Bonneville Power Administration Dear Stephan Wright Please do not reduce flows on the Columbia River for the summer of 2004. Juvenile salmon are not the only ones who will benefit from sustained flows over the dams. You have seen first hand the recovery of the great salmon runs into the Columbia River. Why stop now? Let those fish live so that this region can have some resources left to call their own. Please do the right thing and keep the water flowing. Sincerely Michael A Backstrom

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**From:** sbailey@mhbco.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 12:43 PM  
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My name is Steve Bailey. I am a native Oregonian, businessman, outdoorsman and sports fisherman living in this beautiful region for 44 years. During this time I have experienced the bountys of returning salmon that have returned in my early years, and the decimated runs that have plagued us just a few years back. Over the past 3 years we have once again been able to enjoy bountiful returns of salmon and steelhead to the mighty Columbia River due in part to alot of peoples hard work and forward thinking ideas. These returns not only effect us on an economic level but have give me the opportunity to share quality days of fishing and recreating with my wife, son and daughter and other family memebers. If these salmon had not returned it would have been an important segement of our lives that we would have missed out on. I am writing to you today to in opposition to your proposal to reduce spill for summer migrants in the Columbia. Spill has proven over the years to be the safest and most effective way to help baby salmon migrate from their natal stream to the ocean. Years where smolts had adequate spill resulted in years of high adult returns. This years returning spring salmon forcast was revised to 40% lees than what we originally predicted. This was do to the low water non spill year of 2001. Almost half of our 4 year old fish did not return this year. We should not give up what is certain—spill--for uncertain measures and promises, especialyy given the dismal track record of broken promises. Summer spill reductions will impact tens of thousands of steelhead and salmon, while saving pennies on my electric bill. Our heritage species, the salmon have already paid a high enough price for hydro development in the Northwest. Surely they should not suffer further harm in order to help the BPA out of the financial mess they continue to find themselves in. Please support the citizens of the Northwest in our support for abundant salmon populations by telling BPA to spill, not kill. Sincerely, Steve Bailey 7240 SW 77th Portland Oregon 97223

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**From:** jcbutcher@localaccess.com  
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Gerald Butcher

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I support this amended 2004 summer spill proposal because it is a step in the right direction. I personally feel it should be expanded on, using common sense, and reduce future spills over the next several years. By doing this it seems as if everyone wins.

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**From:** gloabou@ucinet.com  
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Steve Bruning

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Spills work. Look at the runs we have had. I know ocean conditions make or break it, but anything that we can do that will benefit our future is good. Keep up the good work.

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**From:** jbrown@projob.com  
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In reading the recent attempt to curtail spill levels it is known that many Salmon smolt will die. Commercial and Sport fishing for spring and Fall Salmon is a huge economic windfall for the northwest. Curtailing spill levels will reduce sport dollars and in effect cripple our northwest economy. Summer spills must happen. Bottom line "Spill Not Kill!!!"

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**From:** lighter1@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 11:36 AM  
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Gentlemen, My name is Sean Brophy and I represent one of many people that spends over thousands dollars a year in fishing tackle, gas, food, and boat accessories to fish for columbia river Salmon and steelhead. I am writing to you today to in opposition to your proposal to reduce spill for summer migrants in the Columbia. Spill has proven over the years to be the safest and most effective way to help baby salmon migrate from their natal stream to the ocean. Years where smolts had adequate spill resulted in years of high adult returns. We should not give up what is certain—spill--for uncertain measures and promises, especiallyy given the dismal track record of broken promises. Summer spill reductions will impact tens of thousands of steelhead and salmon, while saving pennies on my electric bill. Our heritage species, the salmon have already paid a high enough price for hydro development in the Northwest. Surely they should not suffer further harm in order to help the BPA out of the financial mess they continue to find themselves in. Please support the citizens of the Northwest in our support for abundant salmon populations by telling BPA to spill, not kill. Sincerely, Sean Brophy

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**From:** AnonymousComment@somewhere.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2004 6:51 AM  
**To:** BPA Public Involvement  
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John Brett

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Hillsboro OR 97123

I support spilling over the columbia river dams during the summertime to increase smolt survival. This fishery is one of the premier fisheries in the country and we should do all we can to preserve it. This also has great economic impact due to the increased sport fishery. We are now seeing the impact of reduced flows with the downgrading of the Columbia River spring chinook run numbers by approx. 40%. Please do whatever you can to maximize this resource. Thank you.

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**From:** sbrat01@comcast.net  
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Scott Braten

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Do not eliminate or reduce spill patterns this summer. If this is "necessary why don't you continue to run four boats pushing fish barges instead of reducing them as the smolt count wains.



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**From:** branham@bpa.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 12:39 PM  
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Kenny branham  
concerned citizen  
branham  
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We need to spill to perserve or fishing heritage in the columbia.The north West is world famous for its sport fishing.It brings a tens of thousands of Dollars to the economy.And if we let go what has been one of the most succsesful come backs since the buffalo would be a set back that we as Americans can not have.HELP PERSERVE OR SALMON PLEASE.

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**From:** johnmbond@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 10:17 PM  
**To:** BPA Public Involvement  
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John Bond

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Lets keep the water flowin' boys. There is plenty of data that would suggest the spring chinook run was greatly reduced this year due to the lack of spill in 2001. The impact this causes on the sportfishing industry is substantial. The sportfishing inddustry generates a lot of money for Oregon and Washington and we need to ensure that it will still be there 4 years from now. Spill not kill. John Bond

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**From:** mikey@huserintegrated.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 1:57 PM  
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Michael Bode  
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It seems to me that reducing or eliminating dam spill further impacts salmon migration negatively. Based on just the past two years spring Columbia River salmon runs, we are looking at drastic reductions in returning fish to the Columbia Basin. While downstream tributaries have experienced record returns over the last couple of seasons, from what I can gather, returns counted upstream from Bonneville have experienced just the opposite. It may just be my interpretation of the data, but numbers really don't lie. Please be responsible and continue to work for the overall restoration of this damaged fishery. Sincerely, Michael Bode

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**From:** stephen.a.blum@intel.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 3:34 PM  
**To:** BPA Public Involvement  
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Stephen BLum

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Dear BPA, I strongly urge you to not decrease summer spills. The lower than expected salmon run of 2004 is a sign that reduced spillage hurts fish runs. The fish went to sea in 2001, during a period of reduced spillage, and what happened? There were fewer than expected and the season on the Columbia was cut short. The Columbia river salmon and steelhead fishery has huge economic importance to the entire lower columbia region. Reduced runs hurts us all. Please do your part as a major player to keep the runs healthy. Let the Californians dam their rivers to generate their own electricity, we NW-ers want strong anadromous runs. Thank you

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**From:** josey321@viclink.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 3:27 PM  
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Scott Blankenship  
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To whom it may concern, I and my family feel it is very very nessesary to spill adequet water for the survival of smolts in the columbia river. We are taxpayers and have made it your responsibility to see to the protection of our fisheries. If your plans to not spill stay in effect we will hold you personally responsible. We will make every effort in this household to to deter ever penny we can from your power supply and also incourage everyone to do the same. Please it is imparitive that you spill adequate water for these fish. SPILL/DON'T KILL Thank-you the Blankenships

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**From:** d\_ale@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 12, 2004 9:21 AM  
**To:** BPA Public Involvement  
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Dale Blanchard

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Count me as opposed to any reduction in spill at Columbia River dams. Salmon recovery is vital to the economy and culture of the Pacific Northwest. We need to take every possible measure to promote the restoration of the wild runs. I will gladly pay higher electric rates if it will assist the health of anadromous fish species.

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**From:** daveybeee@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 12:35 PM  
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Dave Bergeron

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I would like to voice my opinion that I oppose summer spill reduction. While power is important, natural resources and preservation of habitat is foremost. Save the salmon!

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**From:** billyb@ocp.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 3:38 PM  
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billy benson  
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To save the salmon, water needs to be sent over the dam. It is a fact. This years dismal returns of Spring salmon is a direct cause due to the lack of water spilt over the dams in 2001. Spill water.



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**From:** aakatony@juno.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 12, 2004 2:07 AM  
**To:** BPA Public Involvement  
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Robert Lohn, Regional Administrator NOAA-Fisheries 525 N.E. Oregon Street Portland, OR 97232 Brigadier General Wm. Grisoli U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 220 N.W. 8th Avenue Portland, OR 97209 Stephan J. Wright, Administrator Bonneville Power Administration 905 N.E. 11th Avenue Portland, OR 97208 Gentlemen, My name is Anthony Bendeck. I am a resident of Vancouver Washington. I am writing to you today in opposition to your proposal to reduce spill for summer migrants in the Columbia. Spill has proven over the years to be the safest and most effective way to help baby salmon migrate from their natal stream to the ocean. Years where smolts had adequate spill resulted in years of high adult returns. We should not give up what is certain—spill--for uncertain measures and promises, especially given the dismal track record of broken promises. Summer spill reductions will impact tens of thousands of steelhead and salmon, while saving pennies on my electric bill. Our heritage species, the salmon have already paid a high enough price for hydro development in the Northwest. Surely they should not suffer further harm in order to help the BPA out of the financial mess they continue to find themselves in. Please support the citizens of the Northwest in our support for abundant salmon populations by telling BPA to spill, not kill. Sincerely, Anthony Bendeck

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**From:** bugleman2u@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2004 4:33 AM  
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Kevin Beckman  
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There is not enough salmon to go around and the corps already gets its share even if the Hydro system is operated in a manner that passes as many salmon as possible. It is obvious what happened to the brood year that would have been this year's 4 year olds. No spill = no salmon. Your plan stinks and if anything should change regarding the amount of spill there should be more. NOT LESS!!!!!! The proposed mitigation is merely a slight of hand and is not an acceptable alternative no matter what the biological opinion is of the Biologists employed by you and your system. This is going way too far. Spill and send my smolt to the ocean alive please. That is all I ask.

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**From:** brbeane@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 11:02 PM  
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Brent  
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To whom it may concern, My name is Brent Beane. I am a native Oregonian and an avid outdoorsman. I am a carpenter. I'm a registered voter and concerned citizen. I love fishing because I love fish. They are one of the best foods one can eat, not to mention the outdoor experience. The number one reason I am against the summer spill proposal is because of tens of thousands of salmon and steelhead smolts will die. Lower water levels mean higher mortality rates for smolts caused by the turbines. In fact, lower water levels will increase the water temperature. Increased water temperature means lower oxygen levels in the water. Not only will the smolts trying to go out to the ocean die from lack of oxygen, the adult fish trying to come up the river to spawn will also die from lack of oxygen. We have recently seen an example of this in southern Oregon when thousands of adult salmon were found dead along the banks when too much water was diverted for irrigation. The lower water levels increased temperatures to deadly levels. It's my understanding that sustained water temperatures 70 degrees and over will kill fish. They basically suffocate. I have fished in good times and in bad since I was a boy. One thing fishermen and women have learned over the years about depleting fish stocks in our rivers is that it is preventable. The Bonneville Power Administration has a lawful and public responsibility to cultivate the growth of current and future fish runs. Not to mention a moral and ethical responsibility. As people from the northwest become more educated about the truth of what and who is liable for the decimation of our fish, evidence supports that culpability will surely subside on your shoulders. Rest assured, people will no longer be duped by political shell games to try and divert attention away from the problem. Erroneous solutions, finger pointing, and faint-hearted resolve do not inspire confidence. I urge you to make the right decision and choose to save our salmon. Thank you, Brent Beane

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**From:** beal.cabin@cascadeaccess.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 7:47 PM  
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Roger Beal

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Thank you for taking the time to reconsider the original idea of holding back the water needed to flush smolts downriver. I've seen the results the recent spills have provided regarding what I consider excellent return rates of salmon. The spills are a much better method in assisting the fish in their journey to the sea than the option of using barges or through turbines. I feel strongly the science is available to back up my last sentence. I write to you as both a sport fisherman and a consumer of the power BPA provides. As a rate payer, I do not want the very minor savings which holding back water might provide. Everyone I talk to in regard to this subject also takes the same stand. As a sport fisherman I realize many factors are involved with the successful return of salmon. We have zero control regarding the majority of these factors. We do have the ability to provide the spills needed to assist smolts downriver and I request of the BPA that they do so. Thank you.

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**From:** dbwheat@televar.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 8:41 PM  
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The proposal to reduce summer spill is a step in the right direction. However, the proposal in March was a much better one. It is ridiculous that we have been throwing away so much money on so few fish. It is time that BPA and the Corps of Engineers stand up to the redical fish people and use some common sense in the operation of the Columbia River system. The supporters of summer spill will never give an inch. They are afraid that the spill will be proved unnecessary and threaten their arguments for dam removal. The ratepayers of the BPA system deserve some relief from the higher rates they have incurred as a result of a succession of bad ideas and poor decisions. Even if this modest plan goes forward, I doubt that we will see a net reduction in our rates only less of an increase. A large number of the ratepayers on our system are farmers who depend on electricity for irrigation. Every rate increase imposes a hardship on them as they struggle to earn a living in an industry which has been suffering through several years of hard times. It is high time to bring some common sense to fish recovery. Most people of reasonable disposition recognize that we have squandered millions of dollars on fish recovery which have contributed nothing to fish recovery. Summer spill is just one big example.

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Kyle Battisti

kyleskillers@hotmail.com

Troutdale or  
Shame on you for putting profit ahead of our salmon.

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**From:** i.barrand@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 5:24 PM  
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Spill more water, SAVE OUR SALMON!!

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**From:** bearbarger@yahoo.com  
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June 11, 2004 Robert Lohn, Regional Administrator NOAA-Fisheries 525 N.E. Oregon Street Portland, OR 97232  
Brigadier General Wm. Grisoli U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 220 N.W. 8th Avenue Portland, OR 97209  
Stephan J. Wright, Administrator Bonneville Power Administration 905 N.E. 11th Avenue Portland, OR 97208  
Gentlemen, My name is Michael Barger. I am a 49 year old citizen of the United States. I have lived in Oregon for 23 years and Southeast Alaska for 4 years as an employee of Federal Forest and Land Management Agencies. I am an avid sport angler, and sport fishing is my primary leisure time activity. I look forward to Salmon fishing from my boat each spring, summer and fall. I have rarely caught any salmon, but I believe you can help to promote activities that could improve migrating fish habitat by spilling more water from dams. It is my personal opinion based on my knowledge and training in natural resource stewardship that migrating fish require spill through dams to help life cycles. I am writing to you today to in opposition to your proposal to reduce spill for summer migrants in the Columbia. Spill has proven over the years to be the safest and most effective way to help baby salmon migrate from their natal stream to the ocean. Years where smolts had adequate spill resulted in years of high adult returns. We should not give up what is certain—spill--for uncertain measures and promises, especially given the dismal track record of broken promises. Summer spill reductions will impact tens of thousands of steelhead and salmon, while saving pennies on my electric bill. Our heritage species, the salmon have already paid a high enough price for hydro development in the Northwest. Surely, they should not suffer further harm in order to help the BPA out of the financial mess they continue to find themselves in. Please support the citizens of the Northwest in our support for abundant salmon populations by telling BPA to spill, not kill. Sincerely, Michael B Barger 2876 Barbados Drive Eugene, OR 97408-7391 (541) 953-8635



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**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 11:31 AM  
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David Barden

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The current plan to reduce summer spill is a step in the right direction however the cost to the region is still too high. The anticipated cost is over \$1 million per fish, this is too high. Please reduce or eliminate summer spill for the purpose of saving fish.

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**From:** obalmer@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2004 4:54 PM  
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This proposal is a start, but doesn't go far enough. It is critical that the federal agencies expand this approach and reduce spill further in 2005, 2006 and beyond. We need to be cost aware as we implement actions to help fish.

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**From:** tballard@wrec2.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2004 8:22 AM  
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Wells Nevada 89835

I want to see a reduction in summer spill and a review of spending decisions regarding salmon recovery. The dollars being spent to recover such a limited number of salmon seem unwarranted. Couldn't equal numbers be recovered more effectively through other, less expensive methods?

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**From:** mballard@bbec.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 12:45 PM  
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**From:** baldwin@tdn.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2004 7:50 PM  
**To:** BPA Public Involvement  
**Subject:** Comment on Summer Spill Proposal

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Robert Baldwin  
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Dear Sirs, I support your ammended plan for adjusted water spills over dams this summer. BPA power rates have increased over40% recently with both homeowners and industry suffering as a result. This popasal will help alleviate the burden to the ratepayers and still provide protection for our fish

## BPA Public Involvement

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**From:** bakerjud@lclark.edu  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 8:39 AM  
**To:** BPA Public Involvement  
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Fisherman

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Lake Oswego OR 97035

Robert Lohn, Regional Administrator NOAA-Fisheries 525 N.E. Oregon Street Portland, OR 97232 Brigadier General Wm. Grisoli U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 220 N.W. 8th Avenue Portland, OR 97209 Stephan J. Wright, Administrator Bonneville Power Administration 905 N.E. 11th Avenue Portland, OR 97208 To Whom It May Concern, My name is Shems Baker-Jud. I am an avid fisherman and I spend time and money pursuing the symbol of the Northwest- salmon. I am writing to you today in opposition to your proposal to reduce spill for summer migrants in the Columbia. Spill has proven over the years to be the safest and most effective way to help baby salmon migrate from their natal stream to the ocean. Years where smolts had adequate spill resulted in years of high adult returns. We should not give up what is certain spill for uncertain measures and promises, especially given the dismal track record of broken promises. Summer spill reductions will impact tens of thousands of steelhead and salmon, while saving pennies on my electric bill. Our heritage species, the salmon have already paid a high enough price for hydro development in the Northwest. Surely they should not suffer further harm in order to help the BPA out of the financial mess they continue to find themselves in. Please support the citizens of the Northwest in our support for abundant salmon populations by telling BPA to spill, not kill. Sincerely, Shems Baker-Jud

## BPA Public Involvement

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**From:** bakers46@juno.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2004 7:19 AM  
**To:** BPA Public Involvement  
**Subject:** Comment on Summer Spill Proposal

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JoAnne Baker  
Cowlitz PUD Ratepayer  
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Please, please consider the financial impact to the electrical rate payers with this decision. It is my understanding that curtailing the spill for the months of July and August would be a net result savings of \$75 million. Cowlitz County is hurting and needs to save.....and curtailing for these two months would not be injurious to the salmon recovery.

Thank you. JoAnne Baker Longview, Washington

## BPA Public Involvement

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**From:** baycity@pacifier.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2004 7:02 AM  
**To:** BPA Public Involvement  
**Subject:** Comment on Summer Spill Proposal

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Gary Baker

None

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Bay City or 97107

I just wanted to send you a comment to let you folks know how important it is to allow the escapement of salmon/steehead smolts in the summer months. I realize that the dams are only a part of a salmon's long journey but during the low water years, the chance of survival is reduced if water is held back as you well know. Let the water Flow Dudes!! Thanks for reading... Gary Baker



## BPA Public Involvement

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**From:** AnonymousComment@somewhere.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2004 8:27 AM  
**To:** BPA Public Involvement  
**Subject:** Comment on Summer Spill Proposal

### Comment on **Summer Spill Proposal**

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No E-mail Address Submitted

My name is Brad Baker, I am an active outdoorsman who, like so many, inject hundreds if not thousands of dollars into our local economies for the privilege of salmon and steelhead fishing. I also feel strongly about this proposal. I am writing to you today to in opposition to your proposal to reduce spill for summer migrants in the Columbia. Spill has proven over the years to be the safest and most effective way to help baby salmon migrate from their natal stream to the ocean. Years where smolts had adequate spill resulted in years of high adult returns. We should not give up what is certain—spill—for uncertain measures and promises, especially given the dismal track record of broken promises. Summer spill reductions will impact tens of thousands of steelhead and salmon, while saving pennies on my electric bill. Our heritage species, the salmon have already paid a high enough price for hydro development in the Northwest. Surely they should not suffer further harm in order to help the BPA out of the financial mess they continue to find themselves in. Please support the citizens of the Northwest in our support for abundant salmon populations by telling BPA to spill, not kill. Sincerely, Brad Baker

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**From:** lbyerly@msn.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2004 10:15 AM  
**To:** BPA Public Involvement  
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Shane Byerly  
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I am opposed to your proposed reduction to summer water spillage practices on the Columbia River, Past practices have insured the survival of smolts as they migrate down river. These fish have a vast economic impact on Oregon, Washington and Idaho residents. As a sports fisherman I place a high value on these fish. Please do not cut the water off.