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Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 2:24 PM
To: BPA Public Involvement
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DEAR BPA, I am an avid fisherman on the Columbia River and it's Tributaries. With the concern of not spilling water this season the least that I can do is a short e-mail. You have already heard tons of complaints and rashes, all that really matters is that if there is no spill Salmon and Steelhead fishing on the Columbia is in serious jepordy, imagine the amount of State revenue that could be lost if thousands of sport fisherman refuse to buy fishing tags and licenses. Thank you for your time Jason Hammond

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From: reeltruth1@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, June 13, 2004 1:07 AM
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Gentlemen, My name is Steve Hanson. I am a full time columnist for SalmonTroutSteelheader magazine (Amato Publications). I have intently followed the political issues involving the Columbia River fisheries, for a long time. This summer spill reduction policy proposal is just the latest in a long line where-in the precious native salmon of the Pacific Northwest would come out on the losing end! Subsequently, so further would our heritage and much of the sportfishing driven economy. I am writing in opposition to your proposal to reduce spill for summer juvenile salmonid migrants in the Columbia River. The various NW fishing websites forums reflect the same opposite, en mass. Appropriate spill rates and timing has been proven the safest and most effective way to help these fish migrate from stream to ocean. In years where smolts get adequate spill the results were higher adult salmon and steelhead returns. We should not give up these certain factors for uncertain measures and promises! We all know the dismal track record of such "promises". Summer spill reductions will impact tens of thousands of steelhead and salmon, while saving pennies on our electric bill. 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. As the public outcry has been echoing - please support the citizens of the Northwest in our support for abundant salmon populations by telling BPA to spill, not kill! Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Steve Hanson

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There appears to be strong scientific evidence that indicates that the return of salmon is greatly increased by strategic spillage of water over the dams. I strongly urge that the spillage over the dams become a permanent practice for the wise management of our salmon resources.

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2004 11:38 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: spill proposal

-----Original Message-----

From: Jack Huddleston [mailto:Hudd@efn.org]
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To: Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Subject: spill proposal

As a ratepayer I support amended summer spill proposal Jack

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To Whomever this may Concern, I am supporting a continued spill during the summer for many reasons. The obvious benefit to salmon and steelhead stocks is one. The other is the increased benefit to power users... Please understand the importance of the salmon and steelhead. Our future generations depend on this important resource. BPA has been active in saving our salmon/steelhead, (pikeminnow bounty, turbine screens, barging smolts) let's keep this positive effort moving Forward. Thank you tzvetan

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From: we4howards@msn.com
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I just got wind of what you are proposing and I am very alarmed & disappointed in what seems to be an incredibly dumb thing to do. You are aware there wasn't any spill in 2001 and you now have specific data concerning the dismal mis-projected runs of up-river spring chinook this year compared to Willamette origin spring salmon which ended up over projection. This is just the beginning. You people just don't get it. Most of us would RATHER pay higher energy costs to make sure you do EVERYTHING you can to ensure optimal survival for out-going fish. Why do you always look to the bottom line irregardless of the potential damage it can do to all of the recent improvements that have been made to re-build the runs? Why would you sacrifice all the accomplishments we ALL have made in the name of PROFIT? Just raise the rates, I'll pay them. Don't do anything so stupid as to completely throw away all reason & do something that you will completely regret. You have already damaged the publics opinion of you to the point we don't trust you or what you say. We know all you are in it for the cash. Why else would you do this to further endanger these fish. You are toying with not only YOUR legacy, but everyone's. Don't be the bad-guy. Do something besides play "Black Bart" & let the fish spill. Thanks. Jim Howard

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From: bhoss@scattercreek.com
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2004 7:31 PM
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The proposed amendment will be good for the economy and appears to offer minimal impact on salmon runs. Do it.

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I'm writing in regards to the potential spill cut back that will have a tremendous effect on the future fish stocks of the river. Please reconsider what you're about to do and think about the already dwindling fish population. This will not only affect my generation, but my kids as well. Please don't take away the opportunity to catch salmon from my kids.
Thanks Kris Holmes

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Ben Hogland

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To Whom it may concern, I have read into the BPA's proposed summer spill program and have found it is not to the liking of the salmon. If you look at the numbers concerning offspring from the year 2001 when there was no spill you would be amazed at what good water quality does for fish. The offspring for 2001 started returning last year, the run was over forecast due to a shortage in a certain age class of fish, returning fish from that 2001 year. Meanwhile rivers not effected by hydroelectric facilities had banner returns, examples being the Clackamas and Sandy to name a couple. Warm stagnant water does not promote good oxygen levels and confuses out migrating juveniles preventing them from having a chance to make it to the ocean let alone back. Please reconsider your proposal and do whats right for the salmon. Sincerely, Ben Hogland

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From: geohig29@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 5:09 PM
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I implore you to keep spilling water at the C/R and Snake river dams to help salmonid smolts flush downstream to the estuary. These efforts in the past have greatly improved returning upriver adult fish. The only reason this years return was down 40% was because you curtailed spill water in 2001. I am a taxpayer and I demand that you get your eye off of \$ and back on what is morally and ecologically the right thing to do. SPILL. Thanks, George Higdon...

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Estimates of this years salmon run were off by 40%. We had no spill in 2001 , and the data is starting to show what a disaster that was for adult salmon returning. We have another year of returns to look at before the entire story is told, but the first run of spring Chinook back from that year, was missing ONE-HALF of the 4 year olds, and the next year the 5 year olds were missing. Both components were 2001 out migrants. I think it is a very bad idea to reduce spills for salmon and hope that you'll reconsider for the sake of our fisheries. Salmon runs for the Willamette were very strong. Spills are not an issue there and ocean conditions would be the same for returning fish from the Willamette and Columbia. It seems to show that reduction of spills is what affected the Columbia return so dramatically. Thanks, Dale P. Hewitt

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From: odysseypro@aol.com
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To Whom It Many Concern: My thoughts echo those of many fishermen and concerned citizens. Please spill that water and retain healthy flows and temperatures. A heated swimming pool is no place for salmonids, only pikeminnow, walleye and bass. Sincerely, Rod Heiser [Remember, we had no spill in 2001 , and the data is starting to show what a disaster that was for adult salmon returning. We have another year of returns to look at before the entire story is told, but the first run of spring Chinook back from that year, was missing ONE-HALF of the 4 year olds, and the next year the 5 year olds were missing. Both components were 2001 out migrants. Spill not Kill.]

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From: AnonymousComment@somewhere.com
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I am lifetime resident of this area and an active outdoorsman. I am writing to you today opposing your proposal to reduce spill for summer migrants in the Columbia. The recent poor returns following the lack of spill in 2001 appear to be evidence that the spill measure has value and should be retained. When the dams were first placed in the Columbia River in the 1930s and 1940s the citizens of the Northwest were assured that the salmon runs, though likely to be impacted, would receive whatever mitigation efforts that would be necessary to protect the resource. The story since has been a long and sad one. Now another mitigation effort is being withdrawn. Summer spill reductions will impact tens of thousands of steelhead and salmon, while saving only pennies on our electric bills. That is a poor tradeoff for the citizens of the Northwest. Your clear responsibility as stewards of this priceless resource is to take whatever steps are necessary, no matter how inconvenient, to protect our fish. I ask that you do that by not allowing any reduction of spill in this or any future periods. Sincerely, Doug Heidloff

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I support the Bonneville Power Administration's amended 2004 summer spill proposal because it is a step in the right direction; it meets the objective of saving more fish for less money. Also, I believe BPA in the years to come, can further reduce the spill. Reducing spill now will lower costs and help the Northwest economy. As an energy user in your state, I am in favor of an approach that meets the objectives of saving mor fish using less money. Thanks for listening.

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From: a-tc-g@comcast.net
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Dear Madam or Sir: I am strongly urging you to maintain dam spills at all dams on the Columbia this summer. Any fish that make it to the smolt stage must be given every chance to migrate to the ocean. The proposed offsets are unacceptable, especially payment to Idaho Power to release water from Brownlee Dam, something they may do under normal operations. The savings from eliminating spills are minute, compared to the cost of salmon/steelhead recovery. Spills work for smolts; you work for me, please listen. Stephen Hayes

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From: alfred.hayes@comcast.net
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This proposal is for one year only,I encourage the BPA to consider expanding the proposal to 2005,2006 and beyond.The proposal is based on sound science,and NOAA'S analysis has been conservative in estimating the benefits.

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Reducing late summer spill is a good start, but it does not go nearly far enough. On a dollar per fish basis late summer spill just doesn't make any sense. The vast majority of the fish saved are from healthy, thriving runs that are fished heavily. This is an outrageous abuse of the ratepayers that should be stopped immediately. High power prices are killing the Pacific Northwest. My electrical rates have approximately doubled here on my farm in Grant County. Some of this increase is to support junk science based fish programs like late summer spill and flow augmentation. The aluminum industry in the Pacific Northwest was once a source of good paying jobs and a vital industrial commodity. Thanks in part to bloated power rates the aluminum industry is toast. My brother in law's wood product factory has seen its electrical rates go up by \$5000 per month. He now struggles to pay this bill so the salmon recovery industry can squander it on cost ineffective programs like late summer spill. Everyone wants to save salmon. The real question that we should be asking is how much on a dollar per fish basis are we willing to spend to do this? On a dollar per fish basis late summer spill is nuts. We never should have agreed to do this in the first place.

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From: gracioushawker@msn.com
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I can not believe,after years of steady's,and billions of dollars spent,you people would even consider,such an assasine proposal.It's all about your bottom line.What about long term affects,on salmon runs, and people's livlihood!!!!

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From: gharlow@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2004 9:18 AM
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Ladies and Gentlemen, I oppose reduction and/or elimination of spill anywhere where it will effect migrating fish that have already been impacted by man. As a sportsman I feel the impact on fish-less days on the river. As a business man I feel the loss of retail business (tens of thousands) when tourists and sportsmen go elsewhere because they don't catch fish here. This impacts me more than most. At a time when salmon and steelhead populations are rebounding and at a high implementing a "no spill" decision just does not make sense. I think enough scientific evidence has been presented that demonstrates that saving consumers a quarter on their monthly power bill does not justify degrading not only the fishery but tourism, sport and commercial fishing, boating, etc... as well. Though it has been on the decline over the years, the only reason I moved to this area was for the outstanding fishing. My business can be conducted anywhere. If big business and government continue to degrade this fishery much more I'll be forced to consider relocating myself, family and business, including my employees, to an area where this is not a concern. Sincerely, Greg Harlow Tax Payer Fisherman Utilities Consumer Owner, OregonTackle.com Member, www.iFish.net Member, Association of Northwest Steelheaders

This comment includes an attachment!

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From: Stauffer, Nicki - A-7 on behalf of Wright, Stephen J - A-7
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2004 8:17 AM
To: Kuehn, Ginny - DM-7
Subject: FW: Amended summer spill proposal

-----Original Message-----

From: sherrill harder [mailto:sherril@peak.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2004 7:45 PM
To: Wright, Stephen J - A-7
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I support the above proposal if it moves in the direction of a cost effective operation
Sherrill Harder
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as a sportfisherman, i see no reason to experiment with sensitive salmon and steelhead runs, and no excuse to sacrifice fish for what amounts to surplus electrical power. as a ratepayer, i am more than happy to pay a slightly higher bill to protect the fish. on the river, we can always tell when something goes wrong with a fish run, such as what happened with this year's spring chinook run, which was way below forecast.