

BPA Public Involvement

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Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 4:17 PM
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To Whom It May Concern: I am a life long fisherman with a history (48 yr old) of fishing for Columbia River salmon. I beleive the shortage of the predicted salmon run this year, and the resulting short season was due to the limited spill in 1991. It seems common sense that the river requires a flushing of cold water with a combined increase in speed and temperature to aid juvenile smolts down river. Although arguments exist to not spill water to assist the fish, I believe the questions are not adequately framed. It is a matter of an anemic fish run versus the savings in electircal costs that are projected. When the question is framed in this light I believe the majority of Northwesterners will hold with the increase in fish runs resulting from making a larger spill. That is certainly my choice. I opt for an increase in the spill, or removal of one Columbia River dam. I think the increase in tourism at a select site would more than offset the impact on energy costs. Please put this comment on the side of a larger spill resulting in more fish with the resulting increase of tourism and recreation, not cutting the spill for short term goals. RAK

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From: AnonymousComment@somewhere.com
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Shawn Kelley
W.R.E.C.
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As a WREC member I want to see a reduction in summer spill and a complete review of all spending decisions regarding salmon recovery.

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From: BrionLutz@CompuServe.com
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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, Having moved to Oregon 3 years ago, I would estimate I have spent well over \$100,000 on recreational sport fishing, all of it in Oregon for engine manufacturers, boat manufacturers, tackle manufacturers, service shops, hotel and motels for out of state guests, local restaurants and salmon enhancement programs via various benefit events. I fly my kids in three or four times a year just of the salmon fishing. We can't afford to lose any more salmon. There is no doubt that reducing the spill will reduce the salmon. 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, Brion Lutz

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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, Leanna Lowe

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Dirk Lowe

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From: david.livingston@webex.com
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David Livingston
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All: I am writing this morning with a really simple plea. Please do not discount the drastic affect that cutting the spill has on the survival rate of salmon. You only have to look at the 40% reduction of spring fish this year to see how the reduced spill 4 years ago dramatically affected the run. When you compare the devastated Columbia River run with the record Willamette run it is easy to see that these spills are just not a viable alternative. David Livingston

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From: carlmlink@msn.com
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Carl Link
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With the run of spring salmon in 2004 being 40% below est. and the fact that we had no spill in 2001, I cant believe that you are even considering "modifeying" the spill. If you want to save the salmon, keep the spill. its that easy.

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Based on the data I,ve seen, and history shows we need to continue to spill water over our dams to help our native fish stocks. In 2001 we did not spill and in 2004 we,ve down graded the spring run by 40%. We have spent millions of dollars on the fish way sell out now? Thanks Arnie

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Hank Lepley

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I not only support the "summer spill" proposal but an expansion of it based on the same science. A proposal which saves fish and money sounds like a win/win situation and should be expanded for as long as possible. Thank you, Hank Lepley

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Wells Rural Electric Company(WREC) is an all-requirements customer of BPA. As a WREC member I want to see a reduction in summer spill and a complete review of all spending decisions regarding salmon recovery.

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From: elknchinook@aol.com
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Please do all you can do to help keep our runs of salmon and steelhead strong. When the salmon die we here in the Northwest will die. The salmon are part of who we are. The salmon were here long before your dams were here so really you people need to do all you can and then some to keep our runs strong. Charge me more for power what ever it takes.

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From: kent.laursen@verizon.net
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Kent Laursen

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To the BPA, I am greatly concerned by what I have been reading regarding the reduction of the summer spill in the Columbia River. For what appears to be only marginal economic value, the result of this action would be the death of hundreds of thousands of young fish. From an economic standpoint, loss to our sport fisheries is damaging to our local economies reducing revenues from outdoorsmen and tourists. The symbolic impact of the further depletion of our anadromous fish is even graver. They are a defining part of our Northwest heritage. Their loss would be an irreparable blow to our way of life and our children's future. To me, our anadromous fish are like a northwest version of a giant canary in a coal mine. If they die, what indication does that have on our future and quality of life? As my wife has said, "If we keep on like this we'll be left with nothing but coyotes, crows and cockroaches" Please assist these fish in any way you can, including the summer spill. Thank you for your consideration. Kent Laursen Brightwood, OR

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From: denjlar@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 11:18 AM
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WHY WOULD YOU EVEN CONSIDER cutting spill. This part of the country is FAMOUS for it's rivers, Salmon & Steelhead. The amount of \$\$ that these fish produce for our economy CAN'T BE ESTIMATED because it is STAGGERING. PLEASE DON'T ALLOW OUR FISHERIES TO DIE BECAUSE YOU AND YOURS WANT TO MAKE MORE \$\$\$\$ AS stewards of the river it is YOUR responsibility to take care of the fish at ALL costs!! Your otherideas are great and should be implimented AS WELL AS SPILL! Thanks for doing the right thing. Dennis Larsen

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Pete Lamb
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Gentlemen: My name is Pete Lamb. I am a third generation 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, Pete Lamb

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I am a fisherman. I enjoy fishing as a means of spending time with friends and family that fish and with those who have yet to fish. Salmon fishing for me is a privilege that I'd soon not have limited access to or lose to save pennies. 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 natural 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. Sincerely, Hans V. Lain - Taxpayer.

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Jason Koertge
Concerned Resident and Fisherman
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Gentlemen, My name is Jason Koertge, a freelance advertising writer and Oregon resident whose business heavily relies on healthy native fish populations. Without them, I'll be forced to move from this great state, and that's the last thing I want to do. 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, Jason D. Koertge

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Stephan J. Wright, Administrator Bonneville Power Administration 905 N.E. 11th Avenue Portland, OR 97208 Fax 503-230-3285 My name is Charles Knechtel. I've been a resident of Oregon for most of my 39 years and have been a fisherman for 35. I'm an active member of Oregon Trout and the Flyfisher's Club of Oregon. I'm currently the Chief Financial Officer of mid-sized manufacturing company headquartered in Portland. I'm active politically, voting with my dollars as well as in all local elections. While I didn't write the words below, I strongly believe them. 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, Charles L. Knechtel Chief Financial Officer Veris Industries 16640 SW 72nd St Portland, OR 97224 (503) 670-1259 cl.knechtel@veris.com

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From: David.King@PhoebusGroup.com
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2004 6:27 AM
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I remain uncomfortable with the conclusion that the offsets will, in fact, offset the salmon lost due to curtailing the spills. I encourage BPA to reconsider and reinstate the spills that have proven successful in the immediate past years.
Kind regards, David King sport fisher

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From: finclipped@aol.com
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Please allow water to spill so we can continue to fish! The small ammount of extra money that pours into my small community from the salmon fishery greatly helps out our town as well as the canyon towns conected to us. I am only one of a small group, but hopefully banded together, we will be a strong enough voice! Thank you, Warren Kimbro

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From: GrantdKennon@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2004 7:33 PM
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I am writing to you today to in opposition to the proposal to reduce spill for anadromous fish in the Columbia. Over the years, spill has proven to be the safest and most effective way to help juvenile fish migrate to the ocean. Simply stated, years where smolts had adequate spill resulted in years of increased adult returns. Eliminating spill now would be a mistake. There is no compelling reason to further damage the already severly depressed anadromous runs of the Columbia Basin by eliminating spill this summer. BPA's history has been one of habitat destruction and run devastation--eliminating spill this summer would only strengthen that legacy.

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Please look at the facts: The Sandy and Willamette tribs have had record runs, hmmm, those fish didn't have to deal with NO SPILL on the Columbia. The proposal is shutting the door on the potential life of hundreds of thousands of fish. That is reproducing fish. Do you want to be known for the degradation of a healthy run? Your own science points to the need for strong spills. Think of the hours of BPA work that will be trashed by such a proposal! Think of the new/old returns to rivers that haven't seen returns in years, there chances of sustaining a run with less spill are not good. Think of the long term economic damage. Think of the resulting lawsuits from every corner of the Northwest from every affect interest. Please, reconsider this proposal. No matter how you paint it; it is a short term dirty bandage for one issue that is also infecting death on a large number of runs that have begun to rebound. You can do better, much better. Thank you, Jim Kennedy

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