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Mr. Walker & NPCC I hear you are trying to Not fund) one of the Fish Habitat Programs in the John Day Basin. The mainstem middle, & North Fork fish habitat enhancement program # 1984-021-00. What is the Reasoning!!!

This program has approximately 45 landowners enrolled protecting 125 miles of ~~andromous~~ fish bearing streams & 3300 acres of prime fish and wildlife habitat.

Your organization would rather fund (Tribal programs & Research programs) that put very few projects on the ground. You (NPCC) could recommend funding research programs and never get anything accomplished.

The John Day River is suppose to be one of the Rivers with the Last Remaining Run of Wild Steelhead, Without Habitat protecting in Large quantities this Run of fish will or should die out (Thanks to Your Organization) if the fish habitat program is not funded. Have you even looked at how much Habitat is protected by all the programs combined? I would bet the John Day fish habitat enhancement program has the largest majority of the protection, would you like to be against

Hopefully Bonneville Power Administration thinks that protecting fish habitat is one of their most important issues. Which is why the John Day fish habitat program was started in 1984 to mitigate habitat losses from the dams installed on the Columbia River, Not study the last remaining runs of wild steelhead.

I think that BPA should put to vote whether your organization (NPCC) and ISRP and other's of the same caliber are worth even considering in their judgement. Maybe all you need is to look the projects and their contribution to the resources and not all of the political aspects

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to give input on this issue.

Look towards the future → .....

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