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From: Linda Kadas [mailto: [REDACTED]]
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Subject: Salmon recovery

RE: SALMON RECOVERY

It is my understanding that in 1980 Congress created the Northwest Power Planning Council to balance the needs of salmon recovery with energy production in the Columbia and Snake River Basin.

However, the Council's "Draft Mainstem Amendments" is said to reduce spill and flow, and to increase transportation of salmon around the dams--a method that has not worked in the past. Studies have been carried out by many, including the Council's own scientific advisory board, confirming the biological importance of spill and flow to aid salmon recovery. The use of spill and flow aids in carrying the young salmon over the dam, flushing them downstream, avoiding predators, and providing a cooler temperature for increased survival rates.

Salmon are an important economic factor for the Northwest region. There are many who depend on the salmon for their livelihood. And, the State of Oregon, recognizing the need for salmon recovery, has recommended spill and flow. Also, eliminating the four lower Snake River dams, per the RAND report, would have no adverse effects to our energy needs and not harm the economy, and obviously aid in salmon recovery.

I believe in finding a balance between fish and energy, salmon recovery is a challenge that has to be met. If the fish disappear, there will be no way to replace them. On the other hand, there are alternative sources of energy that can be pursued. Although the Council recognizes we have adequate energy production at present, future sources of energy should include alternative sources of energy such as the development of energy efficiency and renewable energy.

I feel I am doing my part through my local electric company by paying more for my electricity in support of wildlife and renewable energy. I believe the Council can achieve its original goal if it would abandon those efforts already proven not to work (trucking/barging of salmon), stick to those that are recommended by the State of Oregon and your own scientific board (spill and flow) and by the RAND report (removal of the four lower Snake River dams), and to seek new sources of energy via energy efficiency and renewable resources.

Sincerely,

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