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Sent: Friday, September 20, 2002 8:25 AM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Save Salmon

Dear Bonneville Power Administration Steve Wright,

I am a 4th generation Oregonian, and our 5th generation is reaching voting age as well. My family roots are in both Portland and The Dalles. Needless to say, I grew up eating salmon, as well as listening to my Grandpa's fish stories. Now I'm writing to urge you to protect the remaining wild salmon that depend on the Columbia and Snake rivers. Once so abundant they were taken for granted, wild salmon are still key culturally and economically to the Pacific Northwest, as well as historically. It is a shame to see a mistaken historical attitude of unconcern for conservation, probably based as much on ignorance as greed, continue to set back salmon recovery efforts.

We must act now to restore the rivers that salmon depend upon. The BPA can play a crucial role by diversifying its energy supplies and investing in clean and renewable energy sources, in addition to hydropower. Such a move would help stabilize energy markets, while also benefiting wild salmon and steelhead populations by lessening the pressure on water resources. Besides, we want our commercial fishing industry to have a viable business, which it cannot if the salmon are gone due to habitat destruction or depletion.

Please adopt a leadership role to help salmon recovery while also finding renewable energy sources that can supply present-day Oregonians with energy and jobs. If we want a future that includes abundant wild salmon, healthy economies AND clean and renewable energy sources, BPA must act now. Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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