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Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 9:53 PM
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My name is Ray Salitore I make my living fishing in Alaska 6 or 7 months a year. My favorite activity while I am home is fishing for salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River. I am writing this today to state my opposition to your proposal to reduce spill for summer migrants in the Columbia. Summer spills have been proven to be the safest and most effective way to help the smolts from their native streams to the ocean. Years when there were adequate spill resulted in excellent returns of adult salmon and steelhead. The BPA'S stated mission is to restore fish runs that were damaged by the dams. For the sake of a small cash savings why would you or how could you risk the gains that have been made in recent years?? Please, for everyone's sake reconsider and continue the summer spills. " If it ain't broke don't fix it" Thank you, Ray Salitore

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WREC Wells Rural Electric Company is an all-requirements customer of BPA. We are members of WREC. As members, we would like to see a reduction in summer spill and a complete review of all spending matters regarding salmon recovery. Thank you...

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From: AnonymousComment@somewhere.com
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Follow the science. Protect this most valuable heritage. These fish have enough obstacles to overcome. Help eliminate the drastic cyclic lows that have been all too common in the recent past. Please, please, retain the summer spill as previously agreed to.

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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

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let the spill go on (or take out the dams altogether)

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Gentlemen: I'm a 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, Shelley Snitily.

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Gentlemen: I a 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, Kyle Snitily.

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Robert F Smith

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Want to know why the Columbia springer run was down-graded by 40% this year? Many people did a lot of finger pointing at the ODFW, saying, "how come those ^%#&\$@ can't get their act together?" Quote: -----
 ----- 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. -----
 ----- The Sandy and Willamette tribs have had record runs, hmmm, those fish didn't have to deal with NO SPILL on the Columbia! Want more fish? Go to this Hearing or at least Write Letters A lot of these threads have 200, 300....600...people looking at them. If everyone wrote a letter we'd crush 'em. If they cut the spill it's a very good chance we'll be saying good-bye to B-10 and spring chinook fishing.

_____ this is a little excerpt from I-fish.net. i wanted you to know how WE feel about lowering or eliminating the spills on the columbia river. we as sportsman and registered voters are very concerned about the way things have been handled in the past. once we finally had some say in the matter the fish numbers have gone up. why do you think that is? maybe it's because we put the fish before other things. i know your agenda is all about \$\$\$ and only what you are ordered to do instead of what is best. that is the problem with BPA and the Army Corps of Engineers. their collective minds don't look for solutions to the problems at hand, they look for THEIR problems and try to find a way to manipulate whatever they have to in order to get their way. THAT IS WRONG AND WE WILL NOT STAND FOR IT!!!!!! i know this will probably not get read. i know you really don't care about we have to say. that is what the problem is. if any of you were true sportsman and cared at all for we stand for, then you will do what is right, not what you want to do. if you stop the spill on the columbia river and destroy our fish, then you will be the reason for it. i just want you to know how we feel. i know it is a tough job that you have, but you must look at the way other people feel about it and not just your bottom line. think enron. think worldcom. think tyco. they stole money from people. you are stealing fish from us. i hope your mothers don't know what you are up to!!!!!! Sincerely, Robert Skoro

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Telephone comment by Ginny Kuehn
6/17/2004

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I am in support of the amended summer spill and would like to see that it continues to reduce the spill in the future years also.

I appreciate it sincerely.

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The current plan to reduce summer spill is a step in the right direction. However, the cost to the region is still too high. The anticipated cost is over \$1 million per fish! This is excessive and uncalled for. Let's use some intelligence and figure out that people's needs should be put ahead of fish. Please reduce or eliminate summer spill for the purpose of saving fish.

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I would like to give some input on the BPA Spill Plan. I have looked at the spill proposal and would like to comment on the pikeminnow program. I have guided for Walleye, Salmon and Steelhead on the Columbia and often fish near the dams. During the spring and summer we catch big walleye and squawfish in the area directly below the dams. These fish are often stuffed with baby salmon. It seems that something needs to be done about the squawfish that sit above the no fishing area because these fish are eating a big number of smolt and the guys fishing for them and getting paid can't catch these fish.

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Please be a hero, and not a zero! The BPA and it's decision to spill or not to spill will have HUGE effects on the migratory fish. Spilling water...(We have plenty with the rains over the late spring) would not only help the fish that I believe are on threateed & endagered lists, but also help a sluggish economy. I think it would be a great day when a government agency could truly stand along side the public sector, business & sportsmen and share credit for improving the well being of a natural resource that has taken a hiddious beating over the last 150 years.

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As a life long resident of Oregon I support the Bonnaville Power Administration and the U.S.Army Corp of Engineers released and amended propolas to adjust summer spill over the four Columbia and Snake River dams. I feel there is enough water to meet both the needs of the fish and their runs and produce enough power to meet theneeds of our people. Please continue to do the good work we rely on you to do. Thanks for listening.

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Adjustment to summer spill. Under the normal summer spill program, summer spill would continue through August 31. Under the amended proposal, it would be reduced during August after most of the fish have migrated and few juvenile salmon are passing over the dams. The amended 2004 summer spill proposal is supported because it is a step in the right direction; however, the federal agencies should expand upon this common sense approach and reduce spill further in 2005, 2006, and beyond. Thank you!

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To whom it may concern, I urge you not to reduce dam spills as the impact on fish is more than obvious. Please respect our fish runs. It one of the things that makes our region special. Thanks for your time, Shawn Schmidtke

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Please do not reduce summer spill of water over the Columbia river dams. There is no substitute for adequate flows in the river in allowing Columbia salmon to successfully complete their life cycle. Current runs show that the reduced spill of 2001 had a definite measurable negative impact on upriver salmon stock. These effects can not be "mitigated" in any other way. As a conservationist, fisherman, and Oregonian I ask that summer spill NOT BE REDUCED AT ALL.

Thanks. Darian Santner

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I have spent the last 4 years traveling from Spokane To the Wind river to fish for Spring and Fall Chinooks. This year was a total diaster, From what the Dept. of Fish and Game had estimated to run to be. I now understand that part of this promlem probably is a result of there being no spill over the dams in 2001. I can not understand how you can ignore the evidence that when you do not spill water you kill the smolt. Please consider spilling more water not less.