

BPA Public Involvement

From: updikem@connpoint.net
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 2:46 PM
To: BPA Public Involvement
Subject: Comment on Summer Spill Proposal

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Pete Updike

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Stop the spill reduction please do not risk the future of this great fishery. Pete Updike

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you must spill water to allow salmon and steelhead smolt passage through the slack water created by the dams! please allow our fish to have a chance to survive their downstream migration. thank you gordon urpila

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From: danielyoungren@freightliner.com
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2004 9:01 AM
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Dan Youngren

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Gentlemen, My name is Dan Youngren. 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, Dan Youngren SPILL! NOT KILL!

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From: markyoungblood@ampowersys.com
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 12:59 PM
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I sincerely believe that any reduction in the water spill at Bonneville dam will be devastating to the fish runs. Look what you did to the springer run this year, if I am not mistaken you reduced the spills 4 years ago and we had a very low return on upriver fish this year above Bonneville. The lower Columbia tributaries that do not have to migrate through Bonneville had near record runs of Spring Chinook this year and for the last several years. The economic impact this has on the local communities who depend on the money that is spent fishing for these upriver fish must also be devastating to their local businesses. There has to be some way you can keep the flows as they are or even better increase them during the summer time migration periods. I can only assume that this is profit driven and I would hope that BPA could resolve this matter in the best interest of everyone to include the fish and not just their own bank accounts.

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From: jeffreybug@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 4:05 PM
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Jeff Wright
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I do not support the Summer Spill Proposal. Spill the water for the fish, its their water not ours! What's it going to take for BPA to realize that less water=less fish?

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From: thelukasw@msn.com
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Lukas Wortel
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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, My name is Lukas Wortel. I fish the Columbia river and its tributaries year round. I can not impress upon you enough the economic impact that a reduced salmon run will have. I frequently join people from out of state to fish for Salmon on the Columbia river. The public has a right to this natural resource and we should do everything possible to enhance the runs of salmon in the Pacific Northwest. 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, Lukas Wortel

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From: rwood@europa.com
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2004 10:46 AM
To: BPA Public Involvement
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Randy Wood

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Gentlemen: I am a lifetime resident of this area and believe the rivers and the fish in them have tremendous impact on our way of life. 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, Randy Wood

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From: wobbej22@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 5:40 PM
To: BPA Public Involvement
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Jeff Wobbe

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Sherwood OR 97140

To whom it may concern, My name is Jeff Wobbe. I am a taxpayer, voter, wildlife conservationist, and fisherman. Although I do not fish the Columbia, as a conservationist, I am deeply concerned about this issue. I am writing to you today to in opposition to the 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, Jeff Wobbe

6/17/2004

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From: hnjpgaw@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2004 2:07 PM
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I fully support the the U.S.corps of engineers proposal to adjust the summer spill.It just makes sense from a cost/benefit analyses

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From: tmw922@hotmail.com
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After doing a little bit of research came across a statistic showing that the flows over the dams in 2001 probably played huge reason in why Ssalmon runs were so dismal. In future lets let water flow so salmon will be in our future. Thank you. Tim Wilson

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From: cathyw@wascoelectric.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2004 3:45 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on Summer Spill Proposal

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Cathy Wilson
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I am very disappointed that the proposal for the reduction of Summer Spill has been reduced from a savings of \$77 million less the cost of mitigation measures that I understood could save or replace ESA listed Fall Chinook that might have been adversely impacted to a reduction that would have a net savings of \$20 Million to \$31 Million. However, I encourage BPA, NOAA-Fisheries and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to approve the reduced spill according to the revised proposal. This would provide a measure of assistance to the financially hard pressed ratepayers in our Region. As I noted in prior correspondence, balancing the needs of fish and people as it applies to the region's hydroelectric projects doesn't have to be an all or nothing proposal. We can have affordable power for consumers and healthy salmon runs if we all work together. Thank you for your consideration.

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From: rwilloughby@cascade-locks.or.us
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2004 3:30 PM
To: comment@bpa.gov
Subject: Comment on Summer Spill Proposal

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The City of Cascade Locks strongly supports implementation of the revised summer spill proposal. We believe that the initial spill proposal was reasonable and should have been implemented, but our rate payers need rate relief now. The condition of the local economy makes it imperative that this relief be implemented as soon as possible. This is especially true since the spill proposal can be implemented without any degradation to BPA's long term ESA responsibilities.

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From: Riqrob@AOL.COM
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 2:04 PM
To: BPA Public Involvement
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Richard Williams

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Higher spills for salmon results in more fish. Fishermen, and so boat builders, boat dealers, tackle makers, tackle stores, motels, hotels, guides, almost every retail store, reseraunts, all do better and their results, i think, more than offset the extra cost of power.

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From: jwilliams@digimarc.com
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 9:08 AM
To: BPA Public Involvement
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Jeff Williams

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Portland or 97211

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. Sincerely,
Jeff Williams

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From: bryanwil@ccfd1.com
Sent: Saturday, June 12, 2004 10:43 AM
To: BPA Public Involvement
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Bryan Wilkes
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Just want to make comment to support spill volume and timing that will benefit salmon and steelhead smolts. Thank you

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From: evan.whitaker1@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 3:05 PM
To: BPA Public Involvement
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Evan E. Whitaker

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When the dams went in, you promised the citizens of the northwest, that fish runs would be protected!!! Every time you reduce the flows, we sports fishermen pay the price with reduced runs. THE EVIDENCE IS THERE IN BLACK AND WHITE!!!@ sTOP MESSING WITH OUR FISH STOCKS.

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From: bwelsh@wrecwireless.coop
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2004 12:17 PM
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William Welsh

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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: Weatherford@bpa.gov
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 7:39 PM
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Paul
Salmon fishermen
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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 Respectfully Submitted

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From: twags1223@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 1:32 PM
To: BPA Public Involvement
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Timothy Wagner

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I will keep this simple. We had adequate snowpack this year and spring rains have done even more to help ease drought concerns. Maximize the spill for the sake of fish.

BPA Public Involvement

From: wade_strange@hotmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 12:04 PM
To: BPA Public Involvement
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Irvin Wade
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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. I work for a local government agency and I am an active outdoorsman. I am also part of a growing contingent that is disturbed by current proposal. 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. 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, Irvin Wade

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From: AnonymousComment@somewhere.com
Sent: Sunday, June 13, 2004 5:37 PM
To: BPA Public Involvement
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Carol Wachtel
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RE: Amended Summer Spill Proposal Because Wells Rural Electric Company is an all-requirements customer of BPA, I want to see a reduction in summer spill and a complete review of all spending decisions regarding salmon recovery. A dear friend from Orofino, ID has just visited us and told of the undermining of the economy of Orofino and surrounding areas because of the Summer Spill, supposedly to aid in the salmon recovery. It seems to us that it is just one more incident of government power grab to control the people and their livelihoods. It has already ruined sports fishing in Idaho, that is why we never fish there. Take a lesson from Montana and Wyoming to improve your fisheries. Let the environmentalists eat cake! Carol R. Wachtel

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From: tvoorhee@boisestate.edu
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 10:22 AM
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Anthony G. Voorhees

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My name is Anthony G. Voorhees. I am an accountant in Boise, Idaho and thoroughly enjoy what the outdoors has to offer to sportsman and non-sportsmen. Whether it is hiking to a pristine mountain lake, or catching salmon and steelhead along the shores of many rivers through out Oregon and Idaho, I purposely spend a lot of time and money fishing for salmon and steelhead in the great Northwest. It is scientifically proven that prosperous salmon runs are reliant on increased spills to navigate themselves through dams. Today, I am writing in opposition of your proposal to reduce spill for summer migrants in the Columbia River. Spill has proven over the years to be the safest and most effective way to help baby salmon and steelhead migrate from their natal stream to the ocean. Years where smolts had adequate spill resulted in years of high adult returns. The reduction of summer spills will kill a large portion of smolts on their way to the ocean. The cost benefits of reducing spills do not begin to equate to the value of the Northwest salmon and steelhead species enjoyed by all. There are many individuals throughout the United States, and especially the Northwest that rely and look forward to healthy salmon and steelhead runs. Hydro developments have taken a colossal toll on salmon and steelhead populations in the past. The responsibility to protect this precious resource has to rest with hydro development operations like BPA doing the right thing for the environment we call home.

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From: mark.vickers@nike.com
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 12:41 PM
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Mark Vickers

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I am an active fisherman on the Columbia River. I am very concerned that any reduction in the spill will impact salmon stocks. Please do not reduce the spill. Thank you for your support.

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From: dabuek.venzke@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, June 13, 2004 7:20 PM
To: BPA Public Involvement
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Dan Venske
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Please don't cut any summer spill at all. It's a proven fact that our salmon need it for optimum survival.

BPA Public Involvement

From: AnonymousComment@somewhere.com
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2004 8:29 AM
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Robert O Vaughan
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formed and have been general counsel of Wells Rural Electric Company (WREC) for 47 years. WREC is an all-requirements customer of BPA. WREC exercises every cost-saving measure available to keep its consumer rates as low as possible. Approximately 20% of the cost of the power WREC purchases from BPA goes toward restoring fish and wildlife. That is an unfair and unreasonable cost and burden on the cooperative customers. On behalf of WREC we want to see a reduction in summer spill and a complete review of all spending decisions regarding salmon recovery, that I am afraid amounts to \$600 million a year including summer spill. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Robert O. Vaughan

BPA Public Involvement

From: razdux@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2004 6:04 PM
To: BPA Public Involvement
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As a Native Oregonian, I am very concerned about the proposal to cut the amount of water spilled at the Army Corps of Engineers Dams on the mainstem Columbia River. It is proven scientific fact that the biggest factor to affect Salmon & Steelhead survival is water flow and water temperatures below 70 degrees. The past several years the water temps of the main stem Columbia have risen above 70 degrees, and that is Killing Fish!!! The Proposed Flow Cut would only make for higher water temperatures, and only Kill More Fish!! Two years ago that was proven very clearly in Southern Oregon's Klamath River. The river flows were cut back, and as a result over 40,000 Salmon Were Killed!!! Reprehensible!!! Do Not Cut Flows In The Columbia, It Will Kill Fish!!!!