A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground that perfectly reflects the sky and the surrounding mountains. The sky is a mix of blue and golden-yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The mountains in the background are rugged and partially covered in snow, with some peaks catching the low sun. A dense forest of evergreen trees lines the shore of the lake. In the bottom center, a piece of driftwood is visible in the water. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

The Northwest Energy/Salmon Concept

The Northwest Salmon/Energy Major Issues

- BPA is Experiencing Serious Financial Challenges
- Agriculture and Power Companies face Never Ending Lawsuits
- Idaho's Salmon and Steelhead Numbers are Near Extinction

Status Quo Isn't Working



An opportunity to break the unsustainable status quo

- **Let's end the “salmon wars”**
 - Billions of dollars have been spent on litigation and failed mitigation and recovery plans.
 - We can stop the never-ending lawsuits.
 - We can have people and fish - this is not people vs. fish.
- **This is about more than salmon and dams**
 - This is an opportunity to create our own path forward - to invest in agriculture, clean energy, local economies, and more.



An opportunity to expand agriculture infrastructure



- The infrastructure investments in this comprehensive proposal would allow producers to affordably maintain our region's diverse agricultural industries through:
 - Funding for animal nutrient research and development \$400M
 - A 25-year voluntary watershed program to improve and enhance water quality and temperature
 - Snake River Transportation – \$3.6B
 - Improving grain transportation network
 - Shippers, handlers, and port facility adjustments
 - Rail and port development in the Tri -Cities and Lewiston-Clarkston to enhance the commodity transportation system
 - Reconfigured irrigation that is compatible with a restored lower Snake River

We Can Replace the Power



- \$10B would be made available to BPA for clean, firm power replacement.
- Replacement power must be online before the first dam is bypassed.
- Pump storage and new battery technology and small modular reactors will create an effective combination for replacing energy.
- The concept creates the “Snake River Center for Advanced Energy Storage” co-located at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and the new Lewiston-Clarkston Research Technology Campus.
- Transmission Resiliency and Optimization \$2B

Benefits for Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

- Borrowing cap with Treasury increases from \$7.7B to \$15B
- Fish mitigation responsibility met with a capped annual \$600M payment, net \$480M
- Certain legacy costs become 4(h)(10)(C) eligible
- Removed from direct fish management responsibilities

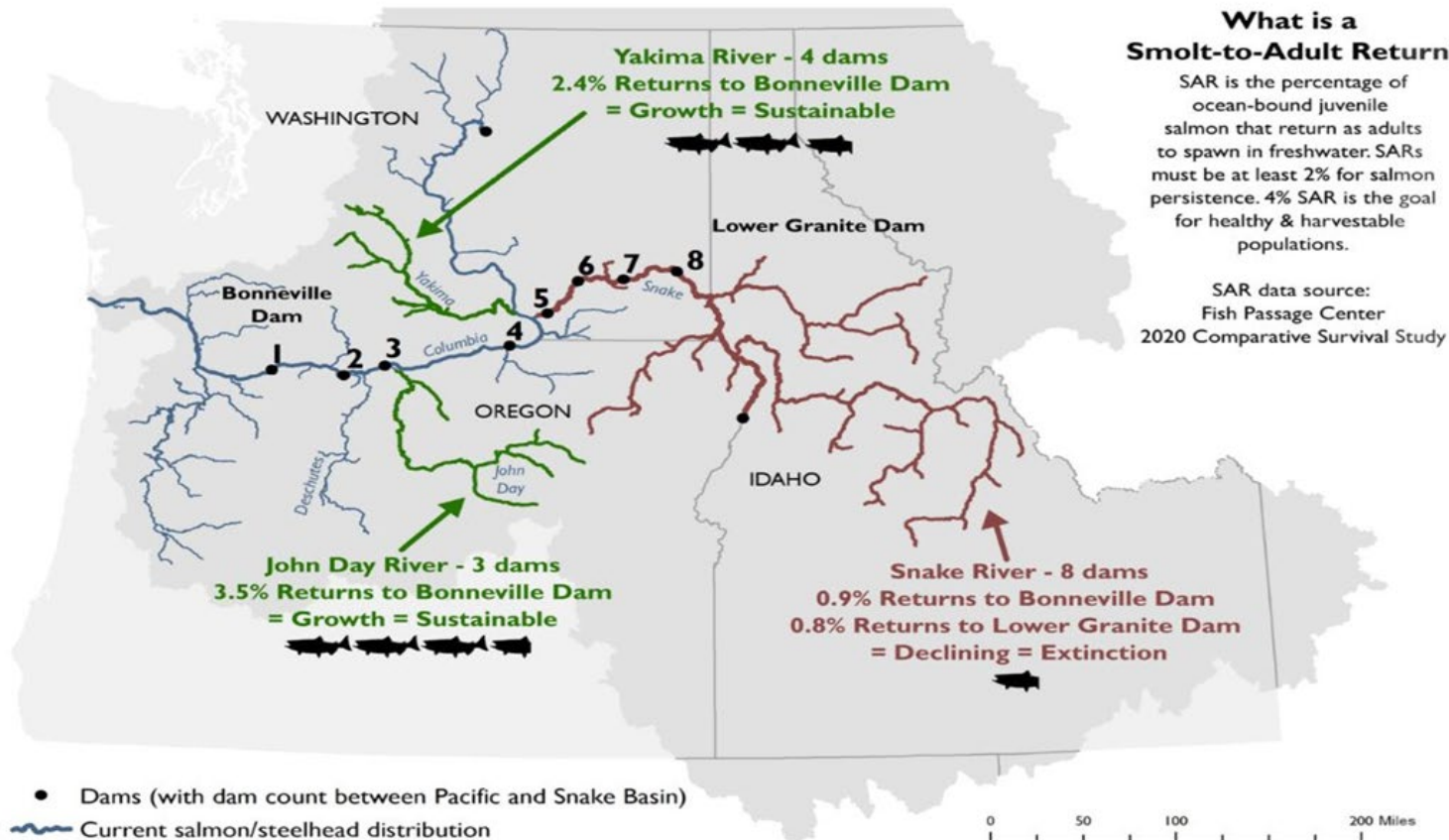


The State of Snake River Salmon



- Over the past 30 years, more than \$17 billion have been spent on failed fish recovery efforts
 - More salmon and steelhead are listed under the Endangered Species Act today than in 1980
- Today, all Snake River salmon and steelhead are listed as threatened or endangered.

Wild Chinook Salmon Smolt-to-Adult Returns in the Columbia River Basin



We Can End the 'Salmon Wars'

- This concept would lock in ALL major dams that produce more than 5 Megawatts in the Columbia, Snake and Willamette Basins, extending their licenses from 35 -50 years.
- It would also halt all litigation concerning these same dams related to Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act for 35 years.
- Dam Mitigation and Indemnification Program
 - Voluntary removal or mitigation of dams and diversions – \$500M
 - Liability protection for dam owners – \$500M



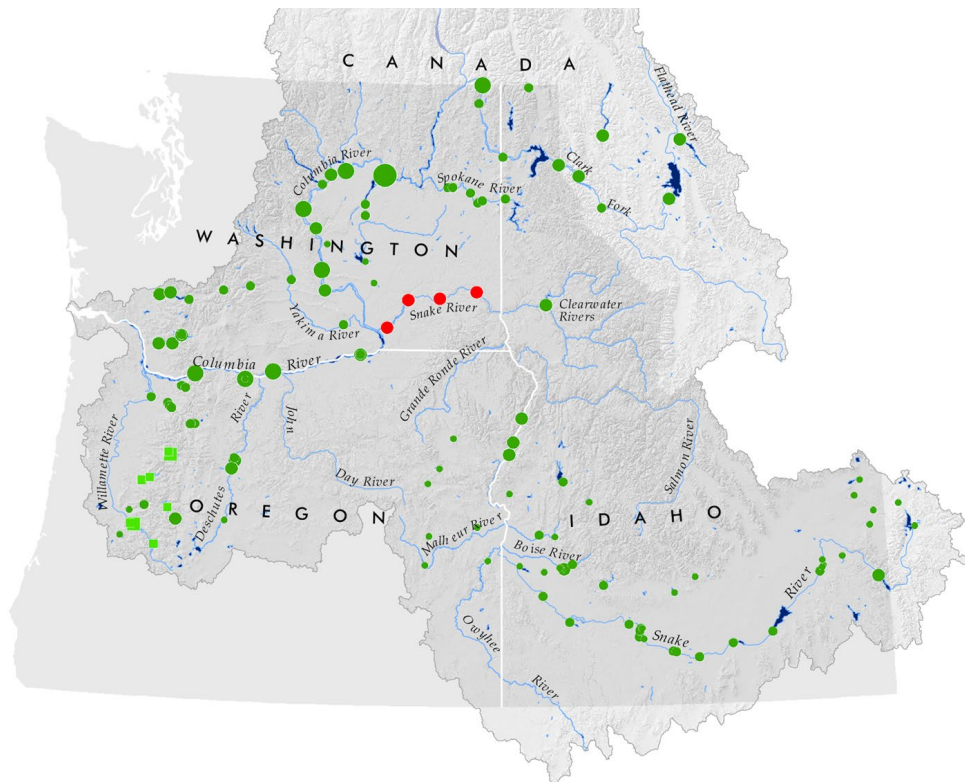
Photo by Sora Shimazaki

Columbia Basin Dams Impacted

- Dams subject to FERC license extension and/or litigation moratorium.
- Willamette federal dams potentially deauthorized for electricity generation.
- Lower Snake River dams to be breached.

Dam Hydroelectric Capacity

- 0 - 10 MW
- 10 - 100 MW
- 100 - 1000 MW
- 1000 - 2500 MW
- 2500+ MW



Bypassing 4 dams - Restoring Lower Snake River

- Removing Earthen Berms & Sediment - \$1.4B (2030-2031)
- Sediment Mitigation Fund - \$400M
- Lower Snake River Corridor Restoration Fund - \$75M
- Lower Snake River Corridor Road & Rail Study & Mitigation - \$300M



Improving Water Quality



- **Watershed Partnerships** – \$3B
 - Voluntary working groups to improve water quality and quantity
 - Snake River (\$700M)
- **Animal/Nutrient Management** – \$1.6B
 - Idaho Snake River Basin Animal Nutrient Research & Development – \$400M

Investing in Communities

- **Lewiston -Clarkston Waterfront Restoration** – \$150M
- **Snake River Center for Advanced Energy Storage** – \$1.25B
 - DOE program to develop large scale storage methods for renewable generation
- **Economic Development and Compensation Funds** – \$875M
 - Including recreation, tourism, and commercial industries
- **Designation of a Lower Snake River National Recreation Area**





An opportunity to create our own path forward

This is a once-in-a-lifetime **opportunity** to shape an investment package that:

- Brings a abundant salmon and steelhead to Idaho
- Maintains Idaho's agricultural legacy
- Secures reliable and affordable clean energy
- Honors the commitments to Northwest tribes
- Strengthens local economies

We can secure a more prosperous and sustainable Northwest future.



Common Asked Questions

- What about predators?
- What about Idaho Water (487,000 acre feet) being flushed down river annually?
- What about power Idaho gets from those 4 Washington dams?
- What dams need to be bypassed? Are they used for flood control?
 - Lower Granite Dam
 - Little Goose Dam
 - Lower Monumental Dam
 - Ice Harbor Dam
- What happens if we just fight?
 - Spotted Owl
 - Klamath Basin



Comments, Questions, Suggestions

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