

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 27, 2009

The Honorable Barack H. Obama  
The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

The recovery of Pacific salmon is one of our nation's greatest endangered species challenges. It is an issue of great importance to not only the Pacific Northwest, but the entire nation.

As members of Congress who care deeply about the survival and recovery of the salmon, we ask for your serious engagement in this issue. We welcome your willingness to meet this challenge head-on by inviting sound science and common-sense economics to guide successful federal salmon policies. We stand ready to work with you and those within your administration to make this a reality.

Making the most of this opportunity to protect and restore wild salmon will require a commitment to carefully consider all scientifically credible and economically viable salmon restoration measures, which may include, but is not limited to, the partial removal of four dams on the lower Snake River. Such measures deserve the same rigorous and open-minded consideration as other proposed hatchery, hydro, harvest, and habitat reforms under discussion—thereby allowing federal salmon management decisions to be guided by the best available science.

To date, more than \$8 billion in U.S. taxpayer and Northwest ratepayer money has been spent on salmon recovery efforts, and some Snake River salmon runs are still facing extinction within the next dozen years. We have a fiscal and moral responsibility to move away from the failed measures of the past and toward durable solutions for the future. A federal court will soon determine the fate of the current Biological Opinion for the Columbia and Snake Rivers. Regardless of the outcome of that litigation, we feel the multi-faceted challenge of salmon recovery should be further addressed through constructive and inclusive dialogue that results in recovery of the species and benefits to local communities and federal taxpayers. We think that many of these issues are beyond the scope of the current Biological Opinion and merit further discussion.

The Columbia Basin was once the world's most productive salmon watershed, with as many as 30 million fish returning to spawn there each year. While it's unlikely that we will witness those kinds of pre-settlement numbers again, we can bring these imperiled fish back to abundance by following the best science and economics. Doing so has the potential to create tens of thousands of jobs and generate billions of dollars for communities throughout the West and across the nation. We look forward to working with you and your administration to identify and implement common-sense solutions that protect salmon, save taxpayer dollars, and reinvest in American jobs and infrastructure.

Sincerely,



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Dear Sirs: I am pleased to inform you that your application for membership in the American Society of International Law has been received and is being processed.

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The Society's activities include the publication of the *Journal of International Law*, the *Journal of International Legal Education*, and the *Journal of International Law and Practice*. It also sponsors a variety of conferences, seminars, and lectures. The Society's membership is divided into several categories, including regular, life, and student membership. The dues for each category are as follows:

Regular membership: \$100 per year  
Life membership: \$10,000 (one-time fee)  
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If you have any questions about the Society or its activities, please contact the Office of the Secretary at the address above. We would be pleased to provide you with any information you may need. Thank you for your interest in the American Society of International Law.

Sincerely,  
The Secretary



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