

## **Interested Entities and Individuals — IE**

**COMMENT IE 01**

From: Maurice Anding <annandy@imbris.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Sun, Apr 6, 2003 3:24PM  
Subject: Banks Lake Level

I am not in favor of drawing down Banks Lake in the late summer. I like to fish Banks Lake for walleye, and as I understand, the boat launches would not be useable. As it is now the lake is dangerous in the late summer/fall. If anything, I would be in favor of leaving it higher.

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Maurice Anding

3711 Broken Arrow Rd

Coeur d'Alene ID 83815

## COMMENT IE 02

From: "Roger & Denise Arango" <rarango@earthlink.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 9:19AM  
Subject: Banks Lake Drawdown

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

I would like to comment on the Banks Lake Drawdown. Please note that I am NOT IN FAVOR of this drawdown. I think it will be a very big mistake for this area, as well as for the communities who rely on the lake for their businesses.

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I am against any action that will reduce water levels in Banks Lake.

Sincerely,

Denise Arango  
7180 Summit Avenue SE  
Othello, WA 99344  
Phone: 509-346-2676  
Fax: 509-346-2136  
Cell: 509-760-1195  
(I live in Grant County, WA)

COMMENT IE 03

# Coulee City still needs you!



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*Leon + Janice Bafus, 209 E. Cunningham Rd., Leitch, Wa. 99341-9740*

*The water should not be lowered in Banks Lake for a questionable worthiness of using that water for a questionable method of flushing salmon -----. <sup>Lowering</sup> Banks Lake will leave more mosquito - problem areas if drawn down. It will hurt all the businesses in the area that depend on the fishing/tourist trade. The loss to farmers and electricity sales are also an issue. We strongly say the water ~~the~~ level should be left alone.*

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Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.

## COMMENT IE 04

From: "Larry and Barb Richardson" <larbar@odessaoffice.com>  
To: "Jim Blanchard" <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Fri, Mar 14, 2003 11:41AM  
Subject: Banks Lake Drawdown

My name is Larry Richardson D.B.A., Banks Lake Net and Charter. I am the contractor that has installed and maintained the barrier net in Banks Lake for the last 23 years . The five foot drawdown, while an inconvenience does not affect the operations of the barrier net to any great extent. A 10 foot drawdown however is a different matter. At 10 feet down leaves the east west net with about 2 feet of water for the entire distance from the shore to the island. The net that is laying on the bottom of the lake gets destroyed by the wave action trashing it against the rocks. On the North South net the lower water levels, even at 5 feet lower, destroy the net by the constant wave action against the rocks on approximately 50 feet on each end, the east west net would need to be replaced on an annual basis, the north south net would need major repairs at the end of the each season. The maintenance and cleaning would be problem also because the boat harbor would not have enough water to float the wash barge and boat needed to clean and maintain the net. I feel a 10 foot drawdown would really hinder our efforts to keep fish in Banks Lake and protect this valuable resource. Thanks for your consideration on this matter.

Larry Richardson

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## COMMENT IE 05

**BASIC AMERICAN FOODS**

538 Potato Frontage Road  
Moses Lake, WA 98837

(509) 765-8601

Mr. Jim Blanchard,  
Special Projects Officer, Bureau of Reclamation  
32 C Street, PO Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823-0815

RE: Written Comment on Proposed Comment on Proposed Banks Lake Drawdown

Dear Mr. Blanchard,

Please find below written comment from Basic American Foods regarding the proposed drawdown of Banks Lake.

Basic American Foods is opposed to all of the alternatives addressed in the DEIS on the Banks Lake drawdown. The basis for our opposition is two-fold. First, the Columbia Basin Project is the lifeblood of the agriculture industry in the Columbia Basin. The impacts of drawing down Banks Lake could be catastrophic to growers if the pumps at Grand Coulee suffer any major mechanical breakdown. For example, in 2001 a series of mechanical problems with the pump/generating plant reduced the pumping capacity by 75% for an extended period. If 2001 had not been the year of the BPA irrigation buyback, which fallowed much of the CBP, a serious draw down would have occurred placing irrigation deliveries in peril. The DEIS does not ever address just how much water is needed in the mainstream Columbia for returning juvenile salmon. The DEIS summary states "increased Columbia River flow should benefit salmon." The DEIS also estimates that the drawdown will make it more likely that the Columbia River flow will hit the targeted 200,000 cfs flow only one out of 50 years. Without good science as to what flow actually is needed for returning juvenile salmon, a decision to drawdown Banks Lake is premature and therefore pointless at this time. We feel the real impacts of the drawdown far outweigh the estimated benefits.

Secondly, the recreational impacts to the drawdown are huge, not only to the economics of the operations that service the recreation on Banks Lake and the surrounding area but also to the people that use Banks Lake for recreation. Drawing down the lake below current operational levels during the peak recreation month of August is totally unacceptable. A draw down will not only impact the business recreation community but also impact the quality of life to the local and tourist population.

In conclusion Basic American Foods opposes any and all alternatives listed in the DEIS that go away from the current operational practices of Bank Lake.

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Drawing down Banks Lake for the sole purpose of "estimated" benefits to returning juvenile salmon is not sound best management practices and other options should be explored and more research done before such a drawdown is attempted.

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Sincerely,



Mike Dodds, Basic American Foods

COMMENT IE 06

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*As a resident of central WA, I don't believe the water level should be drawn down in Banks Lake in August & Sept. Those are important months for the tourist industry & the economy of this area. We all should work together to put WA's best foot forward for our visitors!!!*

*Keep Washington Beautiful!!*  
Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.

*Sera Bauman  
 Wilson Creek,  
 WA 98860*

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COMMENT IE 07

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The need this lake!! We are a small town & the park & lake provides much of our entertainment for the children & also adults. - fishing, boating, picnics & <sup>swimming</sup> play equipment. Without it we should be lost.

People staying at our park use our grocery store, service station, restaurants & taverns. This keeps our town going.

Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.

Roy & Laurena Bechtel

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COMMENT IE 08

Mr James Blanchard-Manager  
Banks Lake Drawdown  
Bureau of Reclamation  
POB 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823

April 10, 2003

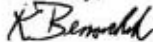
Dear Sir,

I request that you record this letter in Opposition to the Banks Lake Drawdown as an official part of the record.. I and my children swim in the lake in the summer by walking to the lake shore and entering the lake. I have seen what previous drawdowns do to boating and swimming. This drawdown will expose swimmers to having to walk several hundred feet over stagnant water and mud flats, infested with diseased mosquitoes. Local businesses have a brief summer window of opportunity to make their annual sales. The BAR will devastate local businesses by the draw on causing tourists to go elsewhere. Water is available to enhance Columbia River flows from Canada, and the Snake River, so there is no need for this draw on. Salmon returns at record high levels as evidenced by statistics at the US Army Corps of Engineer website. It is obviously ocean conditions that largely govern salmon populations. The conclusions drawn in the draft IS are outrageous and self serving.

The West Nile Virus that is now in Washington, and the probability that it will be enhanced by the draw on is documented by the Washington Dept of Health. Birds and humans die from the West Nile Virus.

I request additional time to study and evaluate the Draft IS, as the complexity of this document is substantial.

Sincerely,



Ken Benoschek  
POB 998  
Soap Lake, WA 98851

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COMMENT IE 09

January 10-03  
Grand Coulee - WA.

Sirs:

I would suppose that it's about time for you screw Banks Lake again. The lake is recovering from the big draw down in which you totally destroyed the Muskrat population. The crappie population was destroyed, and in fact the crappie have never come back.

It's too bad that you people can't keep your damned hands off Banks Lake.

It's my sincerest hope that there will be so much opposition to your assinine proposal that you won't consider it again.

Keep your hands off Banks Lake and you can put me down as most definitely opposed to your proposal.

Sincerely yours,  
Claude E. Bjorson



Claude E. Bjorson  
P.O. Box 63  
Grand Coulee, WA 99133-0063

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## COMMENT IE 10

From: Gary Viers <mbott-gviers@pomeroy-wa.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Fri, Apr 11, 2003 8:51AM  
Subject: (no subject)

I strongly oppose the drawdown of Banks Lake. The effect on agriculture and the communities agriculture supports will be devastating.

Muriel Bott  
Box 261  
Pomeroy, Wa 99347

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## COMMENT IE 11

Terry Brewer  
19797 Fairway Drive NW  
Soap Lake, WA 98837

April 7, 2003

Mr. Jim Blanchard  
Bureau of Reclamation  
P.O. Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823-0815

Re: Banks Lake Draw Down, Grant County, Washington, Draft EIS

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

I am writing to comment on the above-mentioned EIS. My main concerns are economic and are related to the lack of detail in the economic section of the report. It would appear that the report was written from the perspective of a biologist or botanist and that is understandable to a point. However, from the perspective of someone who resides in the Sun Lakes area south of Banks Lake, I am quite concerned with the economy of the region and I am disappointed that the report did not cover the economics of the proposal and the effect or impact of the proposal on the local and regional economy in a manner such as an economist could have reported on the subject.

One only has to speak with the Tourism Section at the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development to begin to gather statistics and data related to the income and impacts generated by tourism in a given County. The anecdotal information that they have on file suggests that Tourism in Grant County as a whole is impacted by the level of Tourism in the greater Banks Lake area. The data reflects a sharp downturn in tourism following the 1994 draw down of Banks Lake to a point where beaches became mudflats and boat launch facilities and mooring docks were unusable.

It was 1998 before the local business owners of lodging facilities, restaurants, and retail stores achieved pre-1994 levels of business during the time period of the draw down. This was during a period of rising incomes and expenditures in Washington State. That same period was a time when tourism activities and expenditures were increasing in other parts of Washington. One only has to survey the local business owners near Banks Lake to understand that a common belief among tourists during the period of 1994-1998 was that the water pool of Banks Lake would be at an unusable low level in August and early September.

As a practitioner in the field of economic development I know how important tourism is to the Banks Lake area economy and to Grant County as a whole. There are a significant number of communities that benefit from tourists that travel to Banks Lake for fishing and water sports. The proposed draw down will have negative effects on our regional economy and incomes.

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Mr. Jim Blanchard  
April 7, 2003  
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Another concern that I have is the West Nile Virus. It is known that mosquitoes in Washington are carrying the virus. With the proposed Banks Lake draw down, the vast areas of exposed mud flats will have pools that will not drain completely and those pools will become a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes. Infected mosquitoes could easily infect bald eagles resulting in countless deaths among the local population. Of course the local area human population will also be prey to those same mosquitoes.

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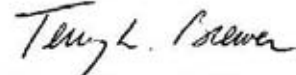
I understand that while the Bureau of Reclamation was ordered to conduct the EIS on the proposed Banks Lake draw down, that there is no mandate to act or implement the draw down regardless of the outcome of the EIS. I would urge the Bureau to not draw down the waters of Banks Lake below the current minimum elevation levels during August and September.

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If an increase in Lower Columbia River flows must be achieved during August I would strongly urge that the draw down to be made in the Lake Roosevelt reservoir. A draw down of one and one-half feet at that time of year would have little economic or environmental effect on the area. That alternative is one that must be considered.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns and comments. Please keep me apprised of further developments in this matter.

Sincerely,



Terry L. Brewer, CEcD

## COMMENT IE 12

March 20, 2003

Mr. Jim Blanchard  
Special Projects Officer  
Bureau of Reclamation  
32 C Street, PO Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823-0815

Re: Banks Lake Drawdown

Dear Sir:

Since the creation of Banks Lake the Coulee City people and tourists have certainly enjoyed the swimming, fishing, boating, picnics or just relaxing in or near the lake.

With the drawdown plan the swimming area would be "waterless", the boat docks "high and dry" for approximately 1/2 of the summer season.

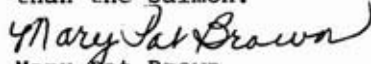
This would mean:

loss of revenue versus salmon needs  
loss of recreation versus salmon needs  
loss of tourism versus salmon needs

I'm simple enough to say it really is:

people versus salmon

Thank you for considering people more important than the salmon.

  
Mary Pat Brown  
PO Box 866  
Coulee City, WA 99115

Member of Chamber of Commerce  
60 yr resident of Coulee City

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### COMMENT IE 13

From: "Pat Burdick" <patfusae@bentonrea.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Mon, Mar 24, 2003 7:51PM  
Subject: Banks Lake Drawdown

Mr. Jim Blanchard:

I'm writing you this note to voice my opposition to any drawdown of Banks Lake to supplement Columbia River flows. I don't support this proposal for Banks Lake drawdown nor do I see any benefit to fish. I don't believe NMFS has any basis in Science for this proposal and request Bureau of Reclamation withdraw local support. I do see harm to the local economy, a potential long term threat to the agriculture of the Basin, and a detriment to local recreation.

I vote no on Banks Lake drawdown. Please ensure this opinion is duly registered.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Pat Burdick  
276 Maringo Road  
Ephrata, WA 98823  
754-5863

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## COMMENT IE 14

From: ANNE CARTER <carter5521@yahoo.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Thu, Apr 3, 2003 5:37PM  
Subject: Public Response on Bank's Lake

Dear Mr Blachard;

I am writing in response to a newspaper artical In the Grant County Journal regarding the proposed drawdown of Bank's Lake. My question to you is "Are trying to kill the tourism in this area?" If you drawdown the lake that much I wont be going there this summer to go camping if I have to deal with nothing but MUD. I am sorry but I know other people as well that have the same reaction that I do. We wont go! It is an insane idea to even think that the action that is proposed will help salmon. The salmon numbers have been going up every year, why would you think we still need to come up with stupid actions to try and help them. Let them be. They are making a come back all on there own without the Bureau of Reclamations help. What are you all just a bunch of PETA employees. Everything I have been seeing lately that has anything to do with your Department is just outrageously stupid. I know that the drawdown of the lake is a bad thing for the economy of this area. It sure isnt going to help anything if you do that. So this is one citizen that says NO to drawing down Bank's Lake.

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Anne Carter

Ephrata, WA.

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COMMENT IE 15

Mr James Blanchard  
Bureau of Reclamation  
POB 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823

April 9, 2003

Subject: Letter of Record in Opposition to Banks Lake Drawdown

Dear Sir,  
I oppose the Banks Lake Drawdown for the following reason:

The Draft EIS fails to definitively address the devastating effect upon local businesses.

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The Draft EIS fails to address denied local fishing and swimming opportunities for residents

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The Draft EIS fails to address that water is available to enhance Columbia River flows from Canada, and the Snake River

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The Draft EIS fails to address the mosquito breeding opportunity from drawdown caused mud flats and stagnant water pools.

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The Draft EIS fails to address the West Nile Virus that is now in Washington, and the probability that it will be enhanced by the drawdown, and specifically impact the Banks Lake population of Bald Eagles.

We need additional time for comments as the Draft EIS is incomplete.

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Wilbur Carter  
POB 252  
Soap Lake, WA 98851

**COMMENT IE 16**

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*We don't understand the purpose of a 10 foot draw down of Banks Lake at any time, but, the months of August and September are particularly busy months for boating, swimming, fishing and use of water toys and skiing. The economy of Coulee City, Coulee Dam, Electric City and the whole Sun-lakes area will be impacted by such action. Therefore we strongly object to this proposal.*  
*Donald S. Center*  
*Freda Center*

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*Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.*

**COMMENT IE 17**

From: "Tom Grebb" <tom@centralbean.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Thu, Apr 10, 2003 10:40PM  
Subject: Banks Lake Drawdown

April 10,2003

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the Banks Lake Draw Down Proposal. The proposed draw down does not have conclusive evidence benefiting fish. At the same time could impact recreation and most importantly impact irrigated agriculture. Water is needed for recharge of the region as well as the draw down potentially effecting supplies on years when drought is a consideration.

Please do not proceed with the draw down of Banks Lake.

Tom Grebb  
President  
Central Bean Co. Inc.  
Quincy WA

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To Whom it may Concern-

The property at 4703 RD 3 N.W. Ephrata is all sage brush. We do not irrigate or farm and we do not have a well for domestic use.

We feel that it is very unfair to have our property taxes raised to pay for something we do not receive or use. If and when we are given water rights to use or start to use said irrigation waters, we would still consider opposing any draw down of Banks Lake.

We will fight the automatic taxation of our land for water we do not have or receive.

Yours Truly  
James Chamberlain  
Ted Ayers

4703 RD 3 NW

Ephrata WA 98823

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## COMMENT IE 19

From: Arlene Coates <theram@centurytel.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Sat, Mar 29, 2003 10:40AM  
Subject: Banks Lake

I feel that lowering Banks Lake 10 feet would ruin the economy of Coulee City because the fishing would be ruined as this is the busy season for recreation in this area and the businesses in this area would close.

Banks Lake is not a reservoir but a holding area for runoff and it is used for irrigation of the farms in the area which lowering the lake would also effect the farmers. If you lower the lake you may as well put a death sentence on the town of Coulee City and the businesses here.

The fishing is just now starting to come back from the last time the lake was lowered several years ago.

Arlene Coates  
P.O. Box 816  
Coulee City, Wa. 99115-0816  
509-632-5422  
theram@centurytel.net

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## COMMENT IE 20

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Bureau of Reclamation  
Attention: Jim Blanchard, Special Projects  
P.O. Box 815  
32 C Street N.W.  
Ephrata, WA 98823

Dear Mr. Blanchard

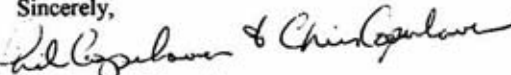
We are writing in regards to the Banks Lake draw down and it's impact on our immediate family and normal summer plans.

The last eight to nine years we have enjoyed our slip at the Coulee City Marina. It has been a great place to relax, swim, lie in the sun and take our sail boat out for the day. Many weekends we stay on our boat overnight during the summer. We have had week long vacations on the lake and have enjoyed the entire lake. Overall, we have fond memories and want to continue these each summer.

Last summer the draw down was about ten feet. The water was so low we hardly left the marina due to weeds and offshore shallow spots. A couple of times my boat struck the bottom of the lake. If the lake had not been so low, it would not have been a problem.

We also know that the last major draw down of the lake, for dam maintenance, had a long-term effect on the local economy. It has taken years to recover as a recreational area. When the lake is lowered, mud flats are exposed which affects the wet lands ecosystem. Our opinion is that if any draw down occurs it should be after Labor Day.

Please consider whom, why and how this draw down will influence everyone before implementing it.

Sincerely,  
  
Phil & Chris Copenhaver  
1240 Pershing  
Moses Lake, WA 98837

cc: Senator Patty Murray  
Senator Maria Cantwell  
Congressman Doc Hastings

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## COMMENT IE 21

From: Margaret Davis <Imdavis@moseslake-wa.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Wed, Apr 9, 2003 9:16PM  
Subject: NO Drawdown

Mr. Blanchard:

The impact of drawing down Banks Lake would greatly impact the farming communities in the Columbia Basin. Adequate water is needed (!) for the variety of crops grown in the Basin. Potatoes and corn are still irrigated in the months of August and September. The Banks Lank was designed for a reservoir for irrigation we thought. One of the benefits from irrigation is the fact that this water is also used for recreation. Drawing down Banks Lake is NOT in the best interest of Washington farmers.  
Lee & Margaret Davis

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COMMENT IE 22

March 10, 2003

Dear Mr. Blanchard,

We are opposed to drawing down Banks Lake.

The "experts" don't know if it will help the salmon survival, but we do know it will affect the economic survival of the people in Coulee City and the farmers of Grant County.

They are infringing upon our water rights. We support small businesses and small farmers.

Sincerely,

Genia Finck

Rob DeLong

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COMMENT IE 23

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Charles F. Dickinson  
P.O. Box 1341  
Soap Lake, Wa 98851

Jim Blanchard  
Special Projects Officer  
Bureau of Reclamation  
32 C Street P.O. Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98832

Jim:

As per our phone conversation today, I am writing this down.

The proposed drawdown of, Banks Lake, in August, would be a serious deterrent to the population of Spiny Ray fish in the impoundment. August is the peak spawning season for a large number of this type of fish. These fish spawn near the shoreline where the water temperature does not fluctuate too much.


The last draw down, decimated the stock of these fish, and they are just now starting to recover.

The Trout I have been catching (in the three to five pound class) and the Walleye (over eighteen inches), as well as one or two 1 to five pound bass, have been full of fingerling Perch.

This year has been an exceptional spring for catching larger Trout, as there is plenty of feed.

I have been fishing for the last month, almost daily, and have fished with fishermen from all over the State, and it is the large number of large fish, that are drawing them here.

As a fisherman, who has spent numerous hours on this impoundment, I believe that keeping the water level stable at this time of year is very important. Enough water can be released from other Lakes on the, ~~Pend~~

*COLUMBIA RIVER SYSTEM, THE* 

oreille, can pick up the slack if it is needed,

thank you for your time.

Charles F. Dickinson  
*Charles F. Dickinson*

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COMMENT IE 24

Jim Blanchard  
Bureau of Reclamation  
P.O. Box 815  
Ephrata, Wash. 98823

April 10, 2003

Dear Sir,

In regards to the Banks Lake drawdown,  
I am opposed to it.

Grant County needs all the water for the  
crops and cattle, in the farming area.

To take the water from the farmers is  
absolut foolishness.

this needs to be stopped. Now! Now!

The government is supposed to be of the  
people - by the people - for the people.

It is urgent that you Rescind the proposed  
Banks Lake drawdown Now, 2003.

Thank You.

Sincerely,  
Beth Dornaiet  
253 W. Northshore Dr.  
Moses Lake, Wash. 98837

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COMMENT IE 25

Lourence C. Dormaier  
253 W. Northshore Drive  
Moses Lake, Washington 98837

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Telephone: 509-765-6406  
509-765-7443  
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The Bureau of Reclamation  
Ephrata, wa 98837

Dear Sirs;  
I am not in favor of any drawdown  
of the Banks Lake.

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Sincerely  
Lourence C. Dormaier

## COMMENT IE 26

From: "BRIAN EVANS" <evans581@hotmail.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Fri, Apr 11, 2003 12:08AM  
Subject: Banks Lake drawdown

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Mr. Blanchard,

I am writing in regards to the proposed Banks Lake drawdown. Sir, I would like to comment against any of the drawdowns proposed that would render the majority of boat launches inoperable. Too often it seems, the government sides with the vocal minority, who often are not affected by the outcome of the environmental issues they take up. For once, I would like to see the government side with the people who will inevitably face financial hardship in the event of a major drawdown during the tourist season in the areas surrounding Banks Lake. This is a small area, with a majority of income, for many businesses, coming during the months during which this drawdown would take place. I grew up in Coulee City, and am well aware of the number of tourists that Banks Lake draws every year, it is a huge boost to the local economy, providing jobs to many residents in the area. With small city governments hurting financially in the wake of I-695 and other tax limiting legislation, and an economy slowed in the wake of 9/11, an annual drawdown in the area, could be the proverbial "straw that breaks the camel's back". While I do feel the salmon need to be monitored to determine that their runs are not severely hampered, due to human caused problems, people should come before fish. Salmon runs naturally fluctuate, I have read, that in some areas, salmon runs have actually had record numbers in recent years, however, that is never widely broadcast, if it isn't a crisis, it isn't newsworthy. It just goes to show that God knew what he was doing when he created this great earth, and how limited man really is in his knowledge. You have the power to make a stand for the people in the Banks Lake area, the drawdown, though it would raise the Columbia a negligible amount, would render most of the boat launches, prime fishing areas, and swimming areas unusable on Banks Lake. Please don't buy into the notion that it "might" help the salmon, as the proponents say, they admit that they cannot say for sure. Well, I will tell you, that if the drawdown affects the areas the tourists frequent, it "WILL" hurt the local area. The hard working people who are at your mercy on this issue, already pay to help salmon in their electric bills. The P.U.D spends millions of their money on salmon issues every year, please don't take there livelihood for a fish. Thank you for your time and consideration of my thought on the issue.

Sincerely,  
Brian S. Evans  
11058 E. Nelson Rd.  
Moses Lake, WA 98837

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COMMENT IE 27

# Coulee City still needs you!



The comment period on the *Banks Lake Drawdown Draft Environmental Impact Statement* has been extended to **April 11** but time is running out! The excellent turnout at the public hearing played a part in the extension of time for comments. The proposed 10-foot drawdown **WILL AFFECT** your park, swimming area and boat launch by making them unusable mud-flats during the months of **August and September**.

Help us make an impact by combining our statements, letters and comments to send to Jim Blanchard, Special Projects Officer, Bureau of Reclamation. Fill this out and drop it off at Coulee City Town Hall or mail.

Or you may mail your letter yourself to Mr. Blanchard at PO Box 815, Ephrata, WA 98823-0815 or fax 509-754-0239 or email [jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov](mailto:jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov).

*We are just a little town but we have worked hard here. We raise fish & accommodate tourist. Have invested a lot of money & time. The rug is being pulled out from under us. Our fish especially the perch will suffer & it will be some seasons before they come back. Menhaden will be a real problem for Coulee City. Please don't do this.*

*Harold Evans*

Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.

*Box 515  
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99115-0515*

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## COMMENT IE 28

April 10, 2003

To: Jim Blanchard, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 815, Ephrata, Wa. 98823

FROM: Leslie Fanning, P.O. Box 38, Royal City, Wa. 99357

CC to: President George Bush, Rep. Doc Hastings, Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Columbia Basin Development League, Rep. Greg Walden

Subject: Proposed Drawdown of Banks Lake

Attached are the signatures of 120 registered voters from our small rural area opposed to the proposed drawdown of Banks Lake which feeds the Federal Bureau of Reclamation Columbia Basin Irrigation Project. This project was developed for the express purpose of controlling flood waters, providing clean hydro-power, providing recreation, and for irrigating the rich soils of the Columbia Basin. The net effect to wildlife has been way to the positive with birds, waterfowl, beaver, and even cougars way more prolific than even twenty years ago. The additional wetlands created by the irrigation are probably the cause of this increase in wildlife. And the salmon run in year 2001 was the greatest since 1938 when the Grant PUD began to record the runs. Clearly, the irrigation project is a vital part of this region, the state of Washington, and the source of food for the United States. With the current situation of terrorist threats against our nation, we clearly must never allow our country to become dependent upon other possibly rogue nations for our food supply.

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There has been no hearing in the Royal City or Mattawa communities. We continue to demand that a hearing be held in this area. When it is scheduled, please notify each signature on our petition by mail of the time and place of the hearing at least seven days in advance. There is currently reintroduced legislation to require a scientific peer review process as a prerequisite for ESA (Endangered Species Act) decisions. This legislation stems from a similar cock-eyed decision to shut off irrigation water to nearly 1,200 farmers and ranchers in the Klamath Basin in order to protect several species of endangered fish. The decision was later examined by a panel of the National Academy of Sciences. They found that the order to shut off the water had "no sound scientific basis".

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"NO SOUND SCIENTIFIC BASIS" ???! -- for destroying the livelihoods of hundreds of farmers or for disrupting the local economy and community, which pushed many Oregonians into bankruptcy? The crisis in the Klamath Basin is proof of the toll levied on peoples' lives when decisions are made on the basis of questionable science. If this kind of subjective political decision making is made and follows a similar disaster economically, our OWN government is acting as terrorists in rural communities. We agree with Rep. Walden of Oregon when he says "the federal government owes this basic fairness (of scientific review) to rural America."

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Flow augmentation is so far a waste of electrical ratepayer's assets. Enormous assets of the public are squandered with little or NO demonstrable results. Measurable benefits to salmon smolt are virtually non-existent. And the benefits that are claimed are in dispute.

NO DRAWDOWN OF BANKS LAKE!!!!!! \



March 12, 2003

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FARMERS - FISHERMAN PLEASE TAKE NOTICE & SIGN**

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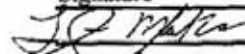
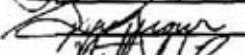

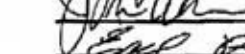


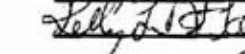

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**\*\*\*\*\*BANKS LAKE DRAWDOWN PETITION \*\*\*\*\*  
FARMERS - FISHERMAN PLEASE TAKE NOTICE & SIGN**

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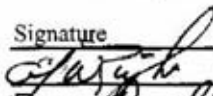
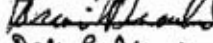
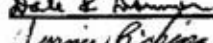
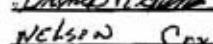

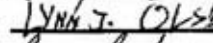
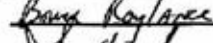
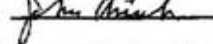
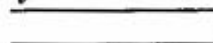


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## COMMENT IE 29

March 14, 03  
Electric City WA.

Dear Sir:

I would like to make a few comments against the draw down of Banks Lake this summer. (2003)

I have lived in this area for 63 years and have observed the negative effects of lowering the water level in Banks during the summer and winter.

1st. It has a negative effect on the shore line ecosystem. causing the trees and brush along the shore lines to die. After which it takes a couple of years to come back. It also causes the seaweed to die taking away the areas under water where small fish can hide. Also it disrupts the spawning process of the fish causing the loss of a whole year of young fish. After the shore line and lake bottom dries out you have a problem with blowing dust & smells from rotting vegetation matter. The ducks and birds that nest along the shore line are also disturbed.

2nd The amount of water that can be used from the lake of a draw down of 10 FT is only 10 days worth of water at 1 FT  
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Draw Down A Day. This is NOT A Significant Amount of water when you consider that the Average Flow of The Columbia river in The Summer Time is Between 130,000 and 120,000 Cubic FT A Second. During Flood Stage The Cu.FS can Run up to 450,000 CFS. I don't know what time of year The SALMON migrate Down The Columbia. but would imagine it would be during The Spring Run off.

3rd. I don't know The Figures of The Cost of Saving The SALMON. But From The Newspapers I would guess A Figure of \$200,000,000 A year. IF you get A return of 1,000,000 SALMON IT Appears each. Fish Cost \$200 A piece. 1 million SALMON is NOT even. enough To give every person in The STATE of WASHINGTON 1 Fish a year. NOT COST EFFECTIVE

4th. When you draw Down BANKS LAKE OFF you lose Thousands of Fresh water Clams, Bugs, and other Things That Fish eat. IT does NOT seem effective To try To save SALMON. By A UNPROVEN. release of Water. AT A Prohibitive COST To Another Ecological system which is AT Least AS IMPORTANT AS saving The SALMON. which Appears To be on The rebound. According  
NEXT PAGE.

To Reports in The News. & Fishing  
Permittees.

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Eugene Fuchs  
PO Box 461  
Electric City WA 99123  
Ph # 509-633-3255.

## COMMENT IE 30

From: "Fitch, Rob" <RFitch@wvc.edu>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Thu, Apr 10, 2003 10:31AM  
Subject: banks lake

Dear Bureau of Reclamation,

I am deeply concerned about the plans of the Bureau of Reclamation to release a substantial amount of water from Banks Lake later in the summer. My family and I have enjoyed Banks Lake on camping trips in late August and early September over the past 5 years. We, and numerous other visitors to the area, would be greatly disturbed if the lake were lowered by this release.

In addition, the original purpose of Banks Lake was to provide a reservoir for irrigation of the Columbia basin to provide for agricultural growth of inland Washington state (we've seen the movies and read the information at the Grand Coulee dam numerous times during our frequent visits). We believe that the release of such a large volume of water during the planned drawdown would have a large negative impact on Eastern Washington's agricultural & recreational community. If anything, we should be doing all we can to bolster our agricultural & recreational community during these difficult economic times.

I work as a full-time Biology Instructor at Wenatchee Valley College. I am acutely aware of the crisis in the fruit industry in the Wenatchee Valley and throughout Eastern Washington. Please do not create another crisis in another branch of our agricultural community by the drawdown of water from Banks Lake.

Please, please, do NOT release the water from Banks Lake. My family and I strongly urge you to reconsider the Bureau's plans to drawdown the water in Banks Lake. The economic impact, both agriculturally and recreationally, will be significant.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Respectively,

Rob & Kathy Fitch

Rob & Kathy Fitch & family  
933 Corbaley Place  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
(509) 662-5589

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## COMMENT IE 31

From: "Tom Flint" <twflint@crcwnet.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Fri, Apr 11, 2003 7:03AM  
Subject: Opposed to Banks Lake Draw Down

Jim. I am opposed to the proposed Banks Lake Draw Down. This proposal is not based on sound science with no known benefits. It is also a misappropriation of water allocations as well.

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Tom Flint  
5842 Rd 2NW  
Ephrata, WA  
98823

509-787-2003



## COMMENT IE 32

From: "Orie L. Francis" <orieo@bigdam.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Sun, Apr 6, 2003 2:47PM  
Subject: Banks Lake

I would like to take this opportunity to make some comments regarding Banks Lake.

We are Grant County taxpayers, that live in Electric City - on Banks Lake.

My opinion is that you should not draw down the lake - to allow more water to remain in the river to "help migrating salmon". Too much money has been spent trying to "save the wild salmon". No one can tell the difference between wild salmon and hatchery - that is why they clip the fin on the hatchery salmon. If the lake levels are down it will be necessary to modify the existing facilities - thus spending more taxpayer money.

Another comment I have regarding Banks Lake, which I have not seen anyone bring up - is --- I think the Bass fishermen should have to either wait until a respectable time in the morning to "roar out" or have their start area be out of town. They (sometimes more than 100 boats) roar through the town area at full throttle at 6:00 a.m. or earlier, which can be heard all over town - even with all of the windows closed. I think we have some sort of a noise ordinance in Electric City????

Sincerely

Myrna J. Francis

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### COMMENT IE 33

From: "Jeff" <jfred@gemsi.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Sun, Apr 6, 2003 12:21PM  
Subject: Banks Lake Drawdown

Jim Blanchard  
Bureau of Reclamation

Dear Mr. Blanchard,

I saw in the Spokesman Review newspaper that some bass fishermen would like to see Banks Lake drawn down because it would improve willow growth. However, what kind of an impact would the drawdown have on aquatic plant life that is so vital to fishes and birds?

If I remember correctly, there was a major drawdown on Banks Lake about five to seven years ago that did some long-term damage to aquatic plants.

I know that the salmon and steelhead smolts in the Columbia River system need adequate flow to help them migrate to the ocean, however, is it possible that there is already enough flow, even without lowering Banks Lake?

Unusable boat launching facilities on Banks Lake would be bad for sportsmen and other boaters, and also bad for local businesses on and near the lake.

With the information I have at hand, I would have to say I am opposed to that drastic of a drawdown.

Have a good day.

Sincerely,

Jeff Frederick

Moses Lake, Washington

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COMMENT IE 34

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Why are we having this happen to our parks at the peak time of summer. When our coulee city parks is doing its best at this time of year. So whats the point, why do you have to drop the water in the summer peak months we need our parks to help the town

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Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.

I Like To have my  
Family go Swimming  
an play at parks as well  
as enjoying our Town  
MR Ken Furman  
ADAMS Street 113  
Candle Cites  
Phone 632 8708

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## COMMENT IE 35

From: "Glendon Gee" <glendongee@charter.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Sat, Apr 12, 2003 7:13AM  
Subject: water for agriculture

Please do not release 130,000 acre feet of water. A compromise should be reached that allows water to be stored in Banks Lake for later use by irrigated crops.

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Glendon W. Gee  
1637 Birch  
Richland, Washington 99352

## COMMENT IE 36

From: "Glendon Gee" <glendongee@charter.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Mon, Mar 17, 2003 7:23PM  
Subject: drawdown--prevent it

----- Original Message -----

From: Glendon Gee  
To: Glendon Gee  
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2003 6:22 PM  
Subject: jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov

We are against any further or unnecessary draw down of the Banks Lake at this time.

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Glendon and Shirley Gee  
1637 Birch  
Richland WA 99352

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*As the Highlighters Art Club Workshop & Gallery president, I am concerned for our Art Shop on Main Street in Coulee City. It depends on the tourists in the park to keep our little shop going. We get just as much traffic in Sept, as in Aug; as after school starts, the retirees on their on the road, enjoying the park, fishing & swimming. We share the whole community's anxiety over this deplorable situation. We hope you will consider the impact to all of us, & do the right thing for the people, over fish, as it should be.*

Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.

*Sincerely  
Dorothy Graff, Coulee City, WA*

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COMMENT IE 38

March 12, 2003

Mr. Jim Blanchard  
Special Projects Officer  
Bureau of Reclamation  
PO Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

I am opposed to the action alternative of the ten-foot drawdown of Banks Lake. I have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and take issue with several points.

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According to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website 2002 Salmon returns are high, with an above average projection for 2003. In contrast, citizens whose own existence depends on the summer tourist revenue could be impacted to point of insolvency.

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It is stated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that "impacts on the economy of Grant County are negligible." Where is the data to back this up? In averaging the impact at the county level, you minimize the impact not only on the number of individual small businesses that would be devastated by one season of less than average seasonal income, but also the loss of jobs and tax revenue so urgently needed in our rural area. Washington's small business climate is already foundering under increased regulations and a higher minimum wage than they can support. Save a few fish, and lose several business enterprises? The ripple effect of losing those businesses will be felt throughout the county. According to Washington State County 2001 Travel Impacts, eastern Washington employment directly generated by travel spending is 32.3% of the total jobs. Local tax revenues directly generated by travel spending are \$28 million, and state taxes of \$116 million. Grant County alone generates \$126.3 million from travel spending. Any loss of this hard-earned and cultivated income would certainly have more than a "negligible" effect on the county's citizens and funded programs.

It is further stated in the draft EIS that "recreational opportunities could be negatively affected when the lake level falls below 1,565 feet." Historic records show lower recreational use when water dropped below this level, but the Draft EIS suggests that this should not impact the local economy as "there are many close substitutes for recreation on Banks Lake." Recreational users may be able to choose other areas to use as destinations, but that leaves many established business entities such as Coulee City Community Park and Sunbanks Resort literally "high and dry," as they cannot transfer their operations to these "close substitutes." Coulee City especially, would suffer most in lost revenue, and like other small cities in eastern Washington, is already under severe economic strain for its continued existence.

Despite the statements in the draft EIS, I firmly believe that this action is detrimental to the health of our local economy. Would you consider the effect "negligible" if it was your business that had to close? I urge you to cancel this proposed drawdown.

Sincerely,



Maynard Hagen  
PO Box 91  
Soap Lake, WA 98851



## COMMENT IE 39

Date: 4/6/03

To: Mr. Jim Blanchard

[jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov](mailto:jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov)

From: Terry Hastings

farm unit 76, block 253

29928 Rd M SW

Mattawa, WA 99349

[Tlhastings@peoplepc.com](mailto:Tlhastings@peoplepc.com)

Re: Banks Lake drawdown for salmon migration

The Tri City Herald recently ran an article detailing a proposal to draw down Banks Lake in an attempt to flush salmon smolt down the Columbia River.

Flow augmentation has so far proven to be a colossal waste of electrical ratepayer's assets. It is a text book example of out of control environmentalism whereby enormous sums of public resources are squandered with little or no demonstrable results. Proven, measurable benefits to salmon smolt are virtually non-existent. Those benefits that are claimed are in dispute.

In the case of the Banks Lake drawdown proposal I would demand to know:

How many returning adult salmon will this proposal generate?

What is the cost of this proposal to the Banks Lake recreation & tourist trade?

What is the cost of this proposal in lost generation to the operation of the Columbia River hydro system?

What is the cost of this proposal to the various irrigation districts that depend upon Banks Lake water?

What are the political ramifications of allowing dubious environmental policies to dictate operation of the hydro system?

What is the overall calculated cost in dollars per returning adult salmon of this proposal?

My bet is that the answer to 6 above is going to easily run 5 to 6 figures per returning adult salmon. This is nuts. As an electrical ratepayer and taxpayer I demand that my money be spent in a prudent manner on sound environmental polices that have been demonstrated to work and be cost effective. Flow augmentation has proven to be the exact opposite: staggering cost with no provable benefits.

Best wishes,

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Cc: [smcdaniel@scbid.org](mailto:smcdaniel@scbid.org)

[Gfanning@moseslake-wa.com](mailto:Gfanning@moseslake-wa.com)

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COMMENT IE 40

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Bureau of Reclamation  
P.O. Box 815  
Ephrata, Wa 98923

As an irrigated farmer in Bk 42, I am opposed to the plan of additional draw-down of Banks Lake this summer. The Lake is an important part of our Columbia Basin Irrigation System.

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Jack Hendrix



## COMMENT IE 41

March 19, 2003

Mr. Jim Blanchard  
Bureau of Reclamation  
PO Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

I am writing this letter to register my opposition to the action alternative of the ten-foot drawdown of Banks Lake. The risk to the area economy, and the whole of eastern Washington, is far greater than the benefit to salmon. Northwest electric ratepayers are already funding the most expensive salmon restoration program in the country, and there seems to be no end in sight. At the same time, reports of 2002 Salmon returns are high, and the projection for 2003 is above average.

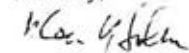
I have read the Draft Environmental Impact Statement; it doesn't include any data regarding the severe economic losses the local economy and small businesses will surely feel. The area around Banks Lake supports many recreational businesses, and even a 10-foot drawdown will dramatically affect these seasonal businesses, as well as the many merchants and service industries throughout Grant County that also count on the seasonal tourist dollars.

The Draft EIS states that "impacts on the economy of Grant County are negligible," and minimizes the impact on the number of individual small businesses that would be devastated by one season of less than average summer income. It also doesn't take into account the loss of jobs and tax revenue that are essential for economic survival in our rural area. Washington's rural areas are already suffering due to the budget crisis with no help in sight. Save a few fish, and sound the death knell for local economies? The ripple effect of losing those businesses will be felt throughout the county and the state. According to Washington State County 2001 Travel Impacts, eastern Washington employment directly generated by travel spending is 32.3% of the total workforce. Local tax revenues directly generated by travel spending are \$28 million, and state taxes of \$116 million. Grant County alone generates \$126.3 million from travel spending. The loss of this seasonal income would certainly have more than a "negligible" effect on the county's citizens and businesses.

The Draft EIS mentions that "recreational opportunities could be negatively affected when the lake level falls below 1,565 feet," and arrogantly suggests that this should not impact the local economy as "there are many close substitutes for recreation on Banks Lake." Recreational users may be able to choose other areas to use as destinations, unlike the established business that will see their seasonal tourist income pass them by as recreational users choose these other areas. The effect on the business community of Coulee City especially will suffer because of the lost revenue, and our small rural cities are already scrambling for any revenue they can.

Despite the statements in the draft EIS, I strongly believe that this action is detrimental to the health of our local economy. It will take years to restore salmon runs, as it has taken years of over-harvesting to cause them to decline. This is not the answer.

Sincerely,



Ken Holm  
PO Box 387  
Ephrata, WA 98823

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## COMMENT IE 42

From: "Carole" <hopkins1@atnet.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Tue, Mar 11, 2003 7:38AM  
Subject: Do not lower Banks Lake!!!!

Mr. Blanchard, I am writing in concern about the thought of lowering Banks Lake!!! This is a terrible mistake to even consider this idea. When people consider changing or ruining peoples livelihood to help FISH is a big mistake. We know people who need the money coming into that area and this would hurt them intensely. Plus as a tourist who comes to the Banks Lake many times feel this is a terrible idea. Please re-think this. I know there are many other ideas to try to save the FISH!!

Thank you for your time.

Carole Hopkins  
2021 Melody Ln  
Moses Lake WA 98837

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## COMMENT IE 43

From: "fritz" <fahowar7@moseslake-wa.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Wed, Apr 9, 2003 11:02PM  
Subject: banks lake drawdown

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I have read much information on the proposed drawdown of banks lake and find some similarities to the klamath falls disaster (both to the farmers there and to the public image of many involved agencies).

to keep this short, i'll give a short history and make two points.

i am a retired sergeant with the grant county sheriff's office. during my 28 years patrolling grant county i made innumerable contacts with local residents and visitors from out of county. one of my duties was operating and supervising the boat patrol for g.c.s.o.

In my estimation, the premier lake in grant county (including the col. river) is banks lake when viewed for its clean water, excellent fishing, availability to the public for on water recreation of all kinds and size to allow for the very large out of county response by boaters. this lake is my personal favorite (my family and many friends stay at the coulee city park and enjoy boating and fishing).

second, i now farm 13 acres just east of soap lake with 10 of the acres irrigated by u.s.b.r. water. i raise grass/alfalfa (some for sale), 2 horses and will add cattle this year. without that water my place will die, the livestock will be sold, etc. etc.

for these two reasons i find the proposal without merit and to be most destructive to the tourism industry along banks lake, also possibly highly destructive to agriculture in all of grant county and adjacent counties supplied by u.s.b.r. water from banks lake.

in one article i noted that there is no scientific proof that this additional water will aid the fish to reach the sea and further noted that the major down stream movement of the fish occurred before the proposed drawdown / higher stream flow.

the proposal lacks any sort of common sense / believability, threatens returning grant county to a desert and makes me highly suspicious of the motives behind such a move.

question- are these continued attacks on water usage all about control and power and have little to do with endangered species ????????

i wonder.

thank you for your time.

fred "fritz" howard  
pob 1389  
soap lake, wa 98851  
246-1037

COMMENT IE 44

Mr James Blanchard-Manager  
Special Projects Officer  
Bureau of Reclamation  
POB 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823

April 9, 2003

Dear Sir,

Please record this letter in Opposition to the Banks Lake Drawdown

We need additional time to study the draft EIS.

This drawdown flies in the face of common sense. It will devastate tourism and the local businesses. It will make boating, fishing, and swimming impossible. Mosquitoes will breed in the mud flats and create a health hazard for people and birds.

Your agency needs to re-think what it is doing, and rewrite the draft EIS and address these issues..

Sincerely,



Jack Jenkins  
POB 782  
Soap Lake, WA 98851

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## COMMENT IE 45

From: "karenjo@johnlscott.com" <karenjo@johnlscott.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Wed, Apr 9, 2003 9:29PM  
Subject: Response to Newspaper Ad

Please accept my public comment in support of the statement/thoughts of the Washington State Potato Commission regarding the water release/water use as presented in the recent newspaper advertisement.

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Karen Jones  
3202 South Jefferson Street  
Spokane, WA 99203

## COMMENT IE 46

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I cannot see what environmental purpose you can get from such a draw down. I can see what a draw down would do to the lake, the fish, the recreational project, & the economy. Would the fish survive? the reproduction of the fish? Recreation would be at a standstill. It would affect all the towns around this year & many years to come. Coulee City depends a lot on

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Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.



recreation to keep our town afloat.  
What would the children do for swimming  
and picnicing. I've seen the mud  
that will be left from this draw down.  
Environment Impact! What impact but  
to hurt all of those who depend on  
this lake for a livelihood.

V. Joyce Jones  
PO Box 507  
Eureka City, 99115

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## COMMENT IE 47

From: "Greg Kardong" <kjee2@earthlink.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Mon, Mar 24, 2003 9:21AM  
Subject: AGAINST BANKS LAKE DRAWDOWN

Jim,

Place my name in the "DON'T" column. Banks Lake is one of the few nearby "gem lakes" great for water sports and camping. It's truly one of the major reasons I and all my friends really enjoy living in this area. We look forward to each summer with the vision of boating, snorkeling, camping etc @ the north end. The drawdown would be a real lasting kick in the gut.

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Greg Kardong  
4915 Bluff Drive  
Moses Lake, WA 98837

kjee2@earthlink.net

## COMMENT IE 48

From: "Jesse" <jdknopp@centurytel.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Thu, Mar 20, 2003 10:05AM  
Subject: Banks Lake draw down:

Mr. Blanchard,

Please don't allow the draw down of Banks Lake in Aug. This is about the only activity the children of Coulee City has in the summer time. My grandchildren and I spend a lot of time at the lake in the summer as we all enjoy swimming and picnicking. I live 4 blocks from the lake so I spend special time there.

The tourist that use the lake also bring a lot of revenue to the towns around the lake.

Please don't lower the water level of Banks Lake.

Dolores Knopp

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## COMMENT IE 49

From: "Gary L. Christensen" <gchrise@bentonrea.com>  
To: "Jim Blanchard" <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Thu, Apr 10, 2003 11:09PM  
Subject: Banks Lake Drawdown

Mr. Blanchard:

I am deeply disturbed regarding even considering the drawing down of Banks Lake for the "probability of meeting flow objectives". There is no scientific data to support such conclusions.

This is a dangerous precedent which threatens the agricultural viability in the Columbia Basin. Tourism and recreation will also be deeply affected by this action. Banks Lake was developed to act as a reservoir to sustain the irrigation projects in which it serves. Don't mess with the original intent and purpose of this mass of water which serves numerous purposes to the people of the Columbia Basin.

Gary L. Christensen  
L & G Christensen Farms, Inc.  
10542 Road Division South  
Othello, WA 99344

509-346-2697

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## COMMENT IE 50

From: "Lake Farms" <jlake@ronan.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Fri, Apr 11, 2003 2:06PM  
Subject: Lake Drawdown

To whom it may concern:

We depend on potato seed sales to Washington for our livelihood. Please consider the economic effect this may have on ag and all ag business before making this decision to turn loose this water.

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Susan Lake  
50093 Hyw 93  
Ronan, Montana 59864

COMMENT IE 51



ConAgra Foods Foodservice Company  
Specialty Potato Products  
Administrative Office  
8701 West Gage Blvd.  
P.O. Box C 1900  
Tri Cities, WA 99302-1900

April 11, 2003

TLL: 509 735 4651  
FAX: 509 736 0399

Mr. Jim Blanchard  
Ephrata Field Office  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823

Mr. John Keys  
Commissioner, USBR  
1849 C St. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240-0001

RE: LAMB-WESTON, INC. COMMENTS CONCERNING USBR'S BANKS LAKE  
DRAWDOWN PROPOSAL AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT

Dear Mr. Blanchard and Commissioner Keys:

This letter is offered by Lamb-Weston, Inc. concerning the United States Bureau of Reclamation's (USBR) proposal to draw down Banks Lake in the Columbia Basin of Washington State.

Lamb-Weston is the largest producer of processed potato products in the United States. Lamb-Weston has 6 processing facilities in Washington and Oregon, employing approximately 5,000 people. Our facilities are dependent upon some 6-8 billion pounds of raw potatoes annually, the majority of which are grown in the Columbia Basin, the area that will be most impacted by the proposed Banks Lake draw down.

In the agricultural industry in Eastern Washington, Lamb-Weston occupies a unique niche. Lamb-Weston not only processes potatoes into value added product, but also acts as a grower of its raw potato needs, as well as being a purchaser of raw potatoes from independent farmers. As a grower, Lamb-Weston farms through joint venture and custom farming agreements. As a purchaser, Lamb-Weston contracts with several hundred farmers for the remainder of our raw potatoes.

Currently the financial health of the Washington potato industry is precarious. During the past five years, selling prices for potatoes have been very low, margins are tight, credit is scarce, and losses are mounting for many Washington potato farmers. Potential shortages of water and/or restrictions on irrigation, which could result from the USBR's proposal to draw down Banks Lake, are of particular concern to both the potato growers of Washington State and the

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processors who's business supports many of these growers. The USBR's proposal could have a devastating impact to the entire Washington potato industry.

Based on our review of the USBR's proposed action alternative and Draft EIS for the Banks Lake draw down, Lamb-Weston opposes both ("No Action" and "Action") alternatives presented. Lamb-Weston urges the USBR to maintain its historic operations of the project—for the August period—with Banks Lake reservoir operations predominantly held within the 1567-1569 ft. elevations.

Lamb-Weston concludes that the USBR proposed draw down actions ("No Action" and "Action" alternatives) would have no positive measurable impacts to the survival of migrating juvenile Columbia River salmon; and they would give false credence to the technically flawed flow targets currently within the NMFS 2000 BiOp. Conversely, such actions would negatively affect native or local ecological habitat and resources, could negatively affect on-site recreation resources and possibly hydropower production, and unlawfully encroach upon the statutory authorization for the project. The benefits are either very unclear or nonexistent, while the costs are apparent.

Lamb-Weston believes that the draw down proposals are ill-conceived measures that should receive no further review or action, and urges that historical operating regimes at the Banks Lake Project be maintained. Lamb-Weston, Inc. is a member of the Washington State Potato Commission and works closely with its leadership. Lamb-Weston has reviewed in detail the comments made by the WSPC and we endorse the conclusions reached by the WSPC, and strongly urge the USBR to act according to the recommendations made by the WSPC.

Respectfully  
  
David Smith  
Director of North America Agricultural Services  
Lamb-Weston, Inc.

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**LambWeston**

COMMENT IE 52

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The Banks Lake drawdown will not only affect our community and family recreation this summer, but it will have a devastating affect for our business. We depend on tourist trade for our livelihood.

Larry's Auto & Marine Supply  
Coulee City, WA  
Dan & Kathy Sanderlin

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Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.



## COMMENT IE 53

From: Larsen Family <mh.larsen@verizon.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Wed, Apr 9, 2003 10:28PM  
Subject: Banks Lake Draw Down

To whom it may concern:

IT is distressing that each year it seems we want to sacrifice our economy for fish. I know we have had record salmon runs the last few years. Please do not drawdown water for fish from Banks Lake.

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The fish don't need it.

Mark Larsen  
2415 Whitworth Ave  
Richland, WA 99352

Mark  
mh.larsen@verizon.net (home)  
mlarsen@agrinw.com (work)

## COMMENT IE 54

April 9, 2003

Bureau of Reclamation  
PO Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823

Good Morning,

We are asking that the bureau not draw down Banks Lake. This state cannot afford any further economic hardship & we believe this will cause one for the potato farmers in the Columbia Basin, along with other farmers in the area.

If this is done for salmon, why did the Columbia River & tributaries have record salmon runs?

Thank you,  
Kathy & Mark Lewis  
PO Box 4765  
Wenatchee WA 98807

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## COMMENT IE 55

From: Paul Lindholdt <plindholdt@mail.ewu.edu>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Sun, Apr 13, 2003 12:14PM  
Subject: Banks Lake Comments

Thanks for this opportunity to comment on the proposed drawdown of BanksLake.

I support the drawdown, and I write to you as a longtime resident of Eastern Washington who fishes, hunts, camps, and otherwise recreates with my family in the region. The loss of the salmon must be stopped, and this effort is worth a try.

Moreover, I am very concerned about the growing power of the farm lobby, particularly the Washington State Potato Commission, which took out a full-page ad in the Spokane daily newspaper last week. That ad, without ever mentioning fish, urged readers to lobby you.

If money and subterfuge like theirs can affect public policy, then our democracy is in sad shape.

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Dr. Paul Lindholdt  
plindholdt@mail.ewu.edu  
509 / 359-2812  
<http://www.ewu.edu/cal/engl/plindholdt/home.html>

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## COMMENT IE 56

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For lack of funding, a number of State parks that we enjoy on "The Eastside" are being closed, especially in the Columbia Basin area. The proposed Drawdown will not only adversely affect the recreational facilities, but also, the fragile economy of the rural communities. The concern being: Will the Drawdown just be another nail into the coffin?

Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.

Gary + Sharon Labe  
Lind, Wa. 99341

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Do we continually have to try and fix everything just because someone or some group makes a lot of noise?  
I wonder? There is no doubt that the draw down of Banks Lake will cause a lot of hardship on business around the lake (north end & south end) and in some cases, even bank susp. From there on, it's a snowball effect that touches everything + every one. Again, I wonder? Especially hard to understand is "why" after record runs of the sacred salmon in the past 2 years.

Again, I wonder? If E. Mc Donald  
P.S. Maybe it's really not broken?

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Jim Blanchard  
 Special Projects Office  
 Bureau of Reclamation  
 Here Mr. Blanchard

Is someone trying to fix something that isn't broken? In light of the record salmon runs the past couple of years. I wonder?

The people from all over the state who have used Banks Lake for years, depend the lake having adequate water in it for their boat launching and all related recreational activities, will have to find other vacation locations.

That means the business that provides <sup>these people</sup> goods and services in the Colusa City and Grand Colusa areas are going to suffer unto hardships, many beyond their ability to stay in business. The snow ball effect is then set in motion. It will be devastating to all our small communities, even reaching our schools and the top base for Grant County.

I wonder if such a drastic measure is absolutely necessary to fix something that may really need it?

I hope that a remedy that isn't quite as painful as the Banks Lake draw down can be found that will get the job done.

Thanks for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

H. E. Mc Donald  
 P.O. Box 685  
 Colusa City, WA 99115

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## COMMENT IE 58

From: "Esther" <gentle@bossig.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Mon, Mar 17, 2003 10:18PM  
Subject: water drawdown

In the middle of a bad drought, farmers need water to produce the food you like to eat & have money enough to buy gas VIA the tax money generated, etc. And you want to throw away water?

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1. The problem began about 20 - 25 years ago when the Japanese and Russian fish trawlers were trawler-netting all the baby salmon off the Pacific shores. We used to go to Otter Rock, Oregon to have Christmas. At night you could watch the ships lights go up and down where that under water ridge is, where the baby salmon feed, to grow up. It is (so I'm told) in International waters. They took a whole lot of fish out of the ocean.
2. Due to the over-fishing cited above, the fishery industry of the Oregon ports dropped off rapidly. My husband liked to go fishing, and annually the guys who were stationery-office supply friends would gather for a day or two fishing. THAT stopped because the "salmon season" was only open for a day, maybe two.
3. Now we get engineers who want to destroy the dams, and thereby have a job. No one remembers the horrible Vanport flood, and all the other floods that happened -- which the dams stopped the annual billions of dollars (not counting the misery) spent to replace at least some of the flood damaged problems (sometimes it was a bridge or a few bridges that needed repair/replacement).
4. Who is going to baby sit the baby salmon nursery which is in the International waters?
5. In a drought, where are you going to get water for the farmers to grow food with? In a drought, where are you going to get the hay and other feed to grow your steaks and hamburgers?
6. You went to college and learned calculus, and forgot to learn common sense --- right?

Esther McM.

CC: <swentworth@cbnn.net>

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**COMMENT IE 59**

From: "Dale Marohl" <gomez@odessaoffice.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Tue, Apr 8, 2003 1:34PM  
Subject: Banks Lake drawdown

It is apparent that lowering the water levels in Banks Lake will affect tens of thousands of lives in an adverse way in Grant county. It certainly was not the intent of our fore fathers to have this happen. We are sternly opposed to this decision and think it would be a financial disaster for our county.

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Thank You  
Dale & Cheryl Marohl  
PO Box 862  
Coulee City, Wa.  
99115



# Faye Maslen

719 W. Loop Drive  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
509-765-4839

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
P.O. BOX 815  
EPHRATA, WASHINGTON 98823

APRIL 9, 2003

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATIONS PLAN TO RELEASE 130,000 ACRE FEET OF WATER INTO THE COLUMBIA RIVER FOR ANY REASON. WE, THE PEOPLE OF THIS COLUMBIA BASIN NEED THAT WATER.

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I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THE FISH HAVING MORE RIGHTS THAN THE PEOPLE HAVE, AND I WANT IT STOPPED.

THAT WATER IS NEEDED TO IRRIGATE THE CROPS IN THIS AREA. RELEASING ALL THAT WATER WOULD HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE IRRIGATION OF THE AREA. OUR CROPS WILL DRY UP, AND THIS LUSH GREEN FARM LAND WILL ONCE AGAIN BECOME A DESERT WASTE LAND.

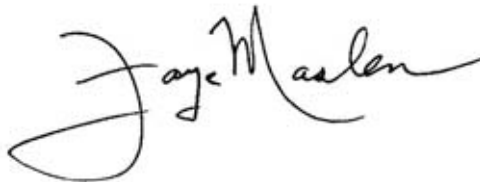
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DO NOT WASTE THIS WATER! THERE ARE PLENTY OF SALMON. YOU CAN GO INTO ANY SUPER MARKET AND PURCHASE ANY TIME, OR GO TO ANY RESTAURANT ANYTIME, AND ORDER SALMON.

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WE ARE ABLE TO RAISE ALL THE SALMON NEEDED. DON'T WASTE THIS WATER BY RELEASING IT INTO THE RIVER.

FAYE MASLEN  
719 W. LOOP DRIVE  
MOSES LAKE, WA. 98837



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**COMMENT IE 61**

From: "JIM&IRENE" <mathewsJames@email.msn.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Tue, Mar 18, 2003 6:02PM  
Subject: Drawdown Proposal

I am opposed to the proposed drawdown.

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Jim Mathews

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We have been coming to Banks Lake with our motor home for many years. We love to fish and Banks Lake is a very nice and special place. Coulee City is a friendly and clean town. We feel that we want to continue to support this area. We will be very disappointed if we can no longer come here!!

Jeanne Michel Box 324  
Loretta Mechel Ethello, Wa. 99344

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Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.

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**COMMENT IE 63**

From: "Hubert P. Mills" <hpmills@icehouse.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Tue, Apr 8, 2003 12:51PM  
Subject: Draw down of Banks Lake

Director, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation:

Please reconsider the decision to release the 130,000 acre feet of water from Banks Lake into the Columbia. The water is desperately needed by the farmers, particularly those that are producing potatoes for commercial processing. The economy would be terribly hurt if a normal year of potato production is hampered in any way. The economy is in a poor shape now, and the withdrawal of water would be the proverbial nail in the coffin. Please reconsider-- let's not have a Klamath Lake incident here in the Columbia Basin. Sincerely, Dr. Hubert P. Mills, Retired Professor of Management, EWU, Cheney. Wa.

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## COMMENT IE 64

Robert N. & Gudu Mosher  
5540 Martin Road N.W.  
Ephrata, Wa 98823

March 20, 2003

Bureau of Reclamation  
Attention: Jim Blanchard, Special Projects  
P.O. Box 815  
32 C Street N.W.  
Ephrata, Wa 98823

Dear Mr. Blanchard,

We are writing to you to express our opinion on the proposed draw down of Banks Lake.

We know you had a sail boat there yourself so some of what we say must be familiar to you.

This will be the beginning of our fourth year we will be mooring our boat at Coulee City. Last April we bought a very expensive sport boat because of the ability to moor at Coulee City and the countless hours my wife and I, other family and our friends spend at the lake. We camp at the park even though we live in Ephrata. It is an excellent place to bring our grandchildren. They enjoy going out in the middle of the lake and playing off the back of the boat. They can do this for hours, while learning to swim. We also have family that live out of the area that come in the summer time to go skiing and boating. Often during the evenings we will take friends to the lake for skiing and boating and picnics. All of this, without a doubt, is the focal point of our summer recreation. We do not take extended vacations and go anywhere else.

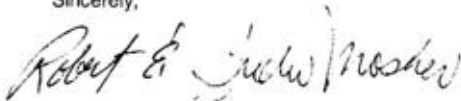
As you can see, Banks Lake has become the traditional place in our family's lives for spending time together.

We can't imagine why the proposed draw down is even considered when the impact to people that use the lake is going to be so devastating and the benefit of doing so is so insignificant.

In addition, the economic impact to our area is staggering and will continue to have an impact for years to come.

Please consider people's needs for a place so beautiful as Banks Lake when deciding whether or not go forward with the proposed draw down.

Sincerely,



Robert N. & Gudu Mosher

cc: Senator Patty Murray  
Senator Maria Cantwell  
Congressman Doc Hastings

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COMMENT IE 65

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
P.O. BOX 815  
EPHRATA, WASHINGTON 98823

APRIL 9, 2003

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATIONS PLAN TO RELEASE 130,000 ACRE FEET OF WATER INTO THE COLUMBIA RIVER FOR ANY REASON. WE, THE PEOPLE OF THIS COLUMBIA BASIN NEED THAT WATER.

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I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THE FISH HAVING MORE RIGHTS THAN THE PEOPLE HAVE, AND I WANT IT STOPPED.

THAT WATER IS NEEDED TO IRRIGATE THE CROPS IN THIS AREA. RELEASING ALL THAT WATER WOULD HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE IRRIGATION OF THE AREA. OUR CROPS WILL DRY UP, AND THIS LUSH GREEN FARM LAND WILL ONCE AGAIN BECOME A DESERT WASTE LAND.

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DO NOT WASTE THIS WATER! THERE ARE PLENTY OF SALMON. YOU CAN GO INTO ANY SUPER MARKET AND PURCHASE ANY TIME, OR GO TO ANY RESTAURANT ANYTIME, AND ORDER SALMON.

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WE ARE ABLE TO RAISE ALL THE SALMON NEEDED. DON'T WASTE THIS WATER BY RELEASING IT INTO THE RIVER.

*Sincerely,  
Sherry L Murray  
1538 N. Mary St  
Moses Lake, WA  
98837*

**COMMENT IE 66**

From: "Jean Nicholson" <ajn@bigdam.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Wed, Apr 2, 2003 10:50AM  
Subject: drawdown of Banks Lake

I strongly object to the drawdown of Banks Lake as do all of us in the Grand Coulee Dam area. It will hurt the local fish, the fishing season, the tourists, and above all, the farmers. This lake was put in for irrigation purposes, but has become a fishing paradise. If you do this for the lousy salmon that not many people even like to eat, what else can the National Marine Fisheries Service demand?

They almost ruined the Klamath Falls area a couple of years ago by drawdowns and at Conconnully four years ago, the lake has still not recovered.

Jean Nicholson

new email: ajn@bigdam.net

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COMMENT IE 67

From: "THE O'SHEA'S" <boshea@qosi.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Fri, Mar 14, 2003 8:48AM  
Subject: comment on D.E.I.S.

Dr. Mr. Blanchard,

After reviewing much of the DEIS I have concluded that because of the length of time it took to prepare such an immense study, we have had over 2 years to witness a salmon run recovery that is far beyond what anyone can explain. To go ahead with lowering the pool of Banks Lake for the sole purpose of increased flows for E.S.A. listed salmonoid stocks when the RETURNING salmon numbers are at record levels since the building of the dams seems unwarranted considering all of the negative impacts to local wildlife and habitat as well as citizens who depend on boat launches and water at levels to maintain fish and other wildlife habitat on Banks Lake. If there was a process to DELIST a species from E.S.A. there may may not need to be a review of this well put together, very expensive I'm sure, report at all.

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Sincerely,

Brian O'Shea

4556 Rd. R N.W.

Quincy, WA.

CC: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>



**COMMENT IE 68**

From: <Mikeypal@aol.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Thu, Jan 16, 2003 2:17PM  
Subject: (no subject)

Dear Mr. Blanchard

Response to DEIS for the drawdown of Banks Lake.

This document needs to be redrafted to reflect an unbiased evaluation of the proposed action. The section on the "Affected Environment" discusses the importance of the shoreline and aquatic habitat to fish and wildlife and their reliance on water to exist yet the "Environmental Consequences" section states that the habitat can withstand 40 days of dehydration (page 4-43). On page 4-45 under "Unavoidable Adverse Impacts" the statement "Minor changes in littoral and riparian communities may occur." there is simply no data in the DEIS to support conclusion

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The environmental consequences section outlines the effect of a ten foot drawdown but the stated purpose of the EIS is to analyze the environmental impacts of a five foot one. The reality is the whole document should describe the existing condition (pool level 1568 -1570) to the proposal of 1570 to 1560.

The document omits an analysis of black crappie or sunfish or the fresh water clams. During the 1994 drawdown there were dead clams in the exposed area of Steamboat Rock State Park. What about the effectiveness of a drawdown on milfoil control?

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The recreation section needs to discuss the shift of people away from the times of low water to high. Right now the state park can barely keep up with the solid waste, imagine the waste piles in July with people moving their vacations from August to July. The action alternative really cuts the summer recreation season by 50%. And the USBRs lack of a firm commitment to fund mitigation leaves July the only vacation time. Your mailing list shows you haven't reached the west side users. That will come back to bite. My vacation at the state park is Aug 9-19. If the water level is below 1565 then I will go in July and camp on the shore and parks will be out my camping fee.

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Numerous places in the DEIS the benefits to salmon are used to support the action alternative you need to either omit the statements or support them. I think if information in the Hydrologic Report in Appendix C is evaluated it will be hard to support the benefits to salmon.

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CC: <[brit461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:brit461@ecy.wa.gov)>

From: <Mikeypal@aol.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Mon, Feb 3, 2003 3:02PM  
Subject: Re: (no subject)

Sorry about that! Name is Mike Palko address is 2905 Angus Drive Tenino, Wa 98589 The cc of my comments went to Barb Ritchie at the Wash Dept of Ecology who will coordinate the comments on behalf of the State of Wash. If you have any questions re. my comments please e-mail me.

COMMENT IE 69

Jim Blanchard  
Special Projects Officer  
Bureau of Reclamation  
32 C St NW  
Ephrata, WA 98823

4/7/2003

Dear Jim:

This is in support of the proposed draw down of Banks Lake. We have a critical salmon problem that can only be solved by having people step-up and help. In some cases helping will involve giving something up. In this case, it appears that what will be given up is very minor.

I have enjoyed Banks Lake for the 20 years I have lived in Grant County. I usually spend 20-30 days a year, fishing, duck hunting or just boating on the lake. If I am inconvenienced for a month or so a year-I will consider that my small contribution to helping us restore salmon runs.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Thanks for taking on jobs like this. Thanks for trying to do the right thing.

Gregory Parker  
32736 Lakeshore Dr  
Coulee City, WA 99115



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COMMENT IE 70

April 7, 03

Mr. Jim Stanchard

People say you are a very nice reasonable man, so I feel free to write this letter knowing it will be read, considered (and) with fairness and objectivity. It concerns the lowering of the level of Banks Lake. Please, please, be extremely careful to consider a more reasonable approach to the level of Banks Lake. Since no one I have talked to can see anything reasonable about reducing the level to that extent, and it would seem to accomplish so little for the costs it would seem to achieve, it all seems counter productive. It would indeed accomplish destroying life time efforts and investments of individuals, towns, cities, and areas. It seems as if it would be devastating.

I do hope all people concerned will carefully consider with much moderation and balance before their final decision. Real long term good should be the approach and I hope this will be diligently sought.

Respectfully yours,  
Charlie M. Payer  
(a resident for many years of the area)  
Box 555 B. Wendate, W. Va. 26055

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COMMENT IE 71

The USBR and the National Marine Fisheries are proposing a 10-foot drawdown of Banks Lake during the months of August and September. This would prevent the use of the boat launches, bank fishing, and the swimming area. Besides the economic impact this will

create, how does this affect YOU personally?  
**HOW MUCH DOES BANKS LAKE MEAN TO YOU?  
WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER CUSTOMS AND HABITS?**

1. How many times each week do you and your family use Banks Lake during the months of August and September? 8

Total for two months 16

2. How many times each week do you and your family use the swimming area at the Coulee City Park during the months of August and September?

Total for two months 12

3. How many times a week do you launch your boat at the Coulee City Park during the months of August and September?

Total for two months 16

4. How many times a week do you and your family use the Coulee City Park for water skiing or other related water sports?

Total for two months 10

5. How many times a week do you and your family go fishing in Banks Lake during the months of August and September?

Total for two months 16

6. How important is the lake to you and your family for recreation and exercise, for picnics, for instilling family values, for family reunions?

90% OF MY OFF TIME IS SPENT AT BANKS  
50% OF THAT TIME IS SPENT AT COULEE CITY PARK

7. Other impacts to your customs, culture, and way of life: DROWNING THE WATER  
LEVEL AT THIS TIME WOULD BE A GREAT LOSS  
FOR MY WIFE & I - PLEASE LEAVE THE LEVEL  
AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST YEARS

JULIE PETERSON 204 PINNACLES WAY E. VEN-98802  
THANK YOU FOR FILLING OUT AND RETURNING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TO  
THE CITY HALL, BIG WALLY'S, OR FULLER'S DRY FALLS MINI MART BY  
5 PM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2003.

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## COMMENT IE 72

March 25, 2003

Barbara Poulson  
6230 West SR 260  
Connell WA 99326

Mr. Jim Blanchard  
Special Projects Officer  
Bureau of Reclamation  
P.O. 815  
Ephrata. WA 98823

Dear Mr. Blanchard,

I support the OPPOSED position of the three Columbia Basin Irrigation Districts in regard to the proposed drawdown to Banks Lake in Grant County

Rivers have multiple uses including flood control, hydropower, irrigation and recreation, protection of fish and wildlife and cultural resources. Any agency responsible for operational changes must take into account how the change will affect these other uses.

A drawdown of ten feet is not acceptable nor is it justified. There is no proof it will be effective in helping spawning fish.

Grant County Commissioner Tim Snead fears a drawdown could cause health issues because it would form large mud bogs in the lake where mosquitoes could breed and may spread disease.

I believe the public is not aware of this action and am requesting additional Hearings be held in the lower part of Grant County.

Thank you,

  
Barbara Poulson

cc: Rep George Nethercutt.

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## COMMENT IE 73

### PRATHER'S WELDING & FABRICATION, INC.

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March 26, 2003

Jim Blanchard  
Special Projects Officer  
Bureau of Reclamation  
P. O. Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823

RE: Banks Lake Drawdown Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

This letter is in regards to the Banks Lake Drawdown. I have been in business for sixteen years and over this time, we as business owners, strive to stay in business with continued change.

With the economy already hurting, I don't believe we need any more stress on current businesses. I understand why this reservoir was put in and I know why you want to draw this lake down, but I don't feel it is a just cause to create hardship, as it has taken may years to build up park and recreation tourism dollars. We all know that you can lose a business overnight and take years to regain it back.

Please consider the impact on all the people involved.

Sincerely,

Kevin Prather  
President



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COMMENT IE 74

From Gene & Ruth Reynoldson  
102 E Lewis St. Coulee City, WA.

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Or you may mail your letter yourself to Mr. Blanchard at PO Box 815, Ephrata, WA 98823-0815 or fax 509-754-0239 or email [jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov](mailto:jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov).

We chose to live in Coulee City solely because of the Lake. We like the small-town atmosphere and we like to fish. We have a small general contracting business so tourism generated by the lakes resources indirectly affect our source of income. We also have five grandchildren who come to visit us and enjoy the lake. They don't want us to move anywhere else because they too enjoy the small town and the lake.

Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.  
Drawing down the lake will affect our enjoyment, our families' enjoyment and greatly reduce our source of income. Please reconsider your options. Thank You —

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COMMENT IE 75

Mr James Blanchard-Manager  
Banks Lake Drawdown  
Bureau of Reclamation  
POB 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823

April 10, 2003

Dear Sir, Please record this letter in Opposition to the Banks Lake Drawdown as an official part of the record.. I own nearby property to the lake. My children swim in the lake in the summer by walking to the lake shore and entering the lake. This drawdown will expose them to having to walk several hundred feet over stagnant water and mud flats, infested with diseased mosquitoes.

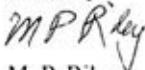
Te Draft EIS fails to address the devastating effect upon local businesses. These businesses have a brief summer window of opportunity to make their annual sales. You will devastate local businesses by the drawdown causing tourists to go elsewhere.

Water is available to enhance Columbia River flows from Canada, and the Snake River, so there is no need for this drawdown. With salmon returns at record high levels it is obviously ocean conditions that largely govern salmon populations. The conclusions drawn in the draft EIS are an insult to any reasonable person of ordinary prudence.

The West Nile Virus that is now in Washington, and the probability that it will be enhanced by the drawdown is a given.

Additional time for comments on the Draft EIS is needed as the complexity of this document is extra-ordinary.

Sincerely,



M. P. Riley  
W67N222 Evergreen Bld. #202  
Cedarburg, Wisconsin 53012-2645

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**COMMENT IE 76**



Mr. Jim Blanchard  
Bureau of Reclamation  
POB 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823

Dear Mr. Blanchard,

I am writing you to express my concerns for the proposed Banks Lake drawdown. Not only am I opposed to it as GM of the recreational development, Rimrock Meadows, located on the Moses Coulee, but as current President of the Ephrata Chamber of Commerce. From a Rimrock perspective, this would adversely affect how our 950 members enjoy the recreation available at Banks Lake. This in turn would have a negative impact on the resorts and facilities at Banks. At a time when the economy is weak, this could deal a devastating blow to businesses that rely on the summer as their primary source of income. When are we to realize that people and their families are more important than a few fish!!!! I am sure the water out of Banks is just a drop in the bucket to the mighty Columbia.

From an Ephrata standpoint, the same can be said. Ever try and take a left turn onto Basin from a sidestreet in the middle of summer? That stream of RV's and boats are headed to places like Banks Lake. The town of Ephrata needs that clientele to prosper. Heaven knows that Moses Lake, Soap Lake, and Coulee City do as well.

I am sure that I speak for the Chamber Board when I beg the Bureau to reconsider. I always believe that in the end, common sense usually prevails. I hope it does in this case. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Danby  
GM/ Rimrock Meadows  
Pres/ Ephrata Chamber

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**P.O. Box 1195 • Ephrata, WA 98823 • (509) 632-9800**

COMMENT IE 77

April 6, 2003

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Please do not lower Banks Lake during August & September. It will be devastating to our community of Coulee City, which has evolved over the past 50 years from a farm business community to a tourist oriented community.

If you need more water - store more during wet years - sell less electricity out of the region. Retain smarter people

Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.

in the decision making process.

Sincerely Wesley J. Roberts

Box 515  
Coulee City WA  
99115

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## COMMENT IE 78

From: "News Standard" <newsstandard@centurytel.net>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Thu, Apr 10, 2003 4:37PM  
Subject: letter to editor

Letter to the Editor,

The proposed drawdown of Banks Lake for flow augmentation is an incremental step in an overall plan to remove the dams. We cannot let this happen. The dams are extremely necessary for clean power production, flood control, irrigation, and recreation. With terrorism and world uncertainty, we should in no way threaten or endanger our capability to grow our own food which we also share with the world.

Why are not real causes of salmon jeopardy addressed? such as—overfishing, millions of pounds of dead salmon thrown overboard as "bycatch", gillnetting increased water spillage from dams for flow augmentation which causes gas bubble death, introduction of species that eat salmon as walleye and shad, and other natural predators as birds and sea lions. There are also environmental conditions over which we have absolutely no control even if so-called environmentalists think we do. No reasonable person is against responsible stewardship of the land and its creatures but most of the activity carried on in the name of the Endangered Species Act is neither reasonable nor responsible.

With expenditures of \$500 million a year for salmon recovery, it is time to say STOP to being plundered. Shutting down hydropower does not help salmon runs. The salmon are not endangered. Much of the money for salmon recovery comes from citizens who pay their electrical bills and send it through utility districts to the Bonneville Power Administration which is required to give it to those supposedly fulfilling objectives of the ESA. This money for the most part is being used AGAINST us. It could be compared to forcing a condemned man to dig his own grave.

In chapter three of the Bureau of Reclamation Draft Environmental Impact Statement the visual quality of Banks Lake area is discussed. The scenic quality is described as appealing but evidence of human activity is described as intrusive. Does this mean that after the dams are removed rural cleansing will be the next step? Our form of government has been set up with three branches to provide checks and balances. Where are the checks and balances on ESA? The ESA has been placed above all. Bureaucrats have dictatorial power to do whatever they want in the name of the ESA no matter that what they want goes against measurable science and other laws. The ESA rules with an iron fist and requires that all bow down. In twenty-five years there is not one species that the ESA has saved from extinction. In the name of the ESA men have wreaked havoc. The ESA should be repealed. Drawing down Banks Lake is wrong.

Don't do it.

Linda Rushton  
Box 696, Coulee City, WA 99115

443 words, signed copy being faxed also

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COMMENT IE 79

Bill McDonald, Western Regional Director  
Federal Bureau of Reclamation  
1150 N. Curtis Rd. Suite 100  
Boise, Idaho 83706-1234

March 30,2003

To Whom It May Concern:

This is written in dissent regarding the proposed Banks Lake Drawdown. As a teacher and a former city council member for several years, I understand that the decision-making process can be tough, especially, if those making decisions feel that being "politically correct" in the eyes of powerful lobby groups such as the environmentalists, is more important than considering the best interests of the public. I'm a nature-lover, a fisherman, and one who believes in conserving our natural resources, but for the life of me I cannot understand a decision like this from "thinking people".

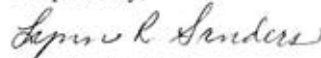
First of all, I happen to know that there were record runs of salmon this year, which no one discusses and I have yet to eat at a restaurant where I couldn't order salmon if I so desired. It's really a non-issue if you care and are truly concerned about people. I also know that this drawdown is completely experimental, at best. When, are those of you in authority, going to begin placing people before fish?

In an already hurting economy, this area, the Columbia Basin, would be devastated by a ten foot drawdown in August and September, the hottest months of the year. We have over two million people (more than annually visit Mt. Rainer National Park) traveling down the Coulee to take advantage of the primary resource this semi-arid desert has to offer—~~water~~—and all the recreational and agricultural activities associated with that. This will have a resounding negative impact on the economy of this entire region when no boats can be launched during the most popular recreational months of the year—not to mention the loss of water for an agricultural region already into the third year of drought.....and for what? An experimental program that will merely raise the Columbia River by 1/32 of an inch, having little or no effect on the salmon at McNary Dam, but huge and costly consequences for the hard-working people who are living in this area.

If you are simply flexing your muscles as a Federal Agency to prove that you can do what you want—we believe you. But you would have considerably more support and respect from the taxpayers if you used this power responsibly in the best interest of the majority of the people who live and work here.

Please consider this and the enclosed petition.

Respectfully,



Lynn R. Sanders  
Teacher and Citizen

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**Banks Lake Drawdown  
Final Environmental Impact Statement**

Feb. 22, 2003

We, the undersigned, citizens of the United States of America, the State of Washington, do support the OPPOSED position of the three Columbia Basin Irrigation Districts in regard to the proposed drawdown of Banks Lake in Grant County for the following reasons:

1. The idea is theoretically supposed to help spawning salmon; however, statistics record that only once in 50 years would the effect actually have this effect.
2. The action WOULD DEFINITELY affect the recreational use of Banks Lake by leaving boat launches, and other attractions high and dry. Recreation is one of the primary focuses of the Columbia Basin Project and will definitely hurt those who use the lake for recreation and those who make a livelihood from recreation.
3. The draw down will also hurt the district's generating capacity at the hydropower plant at the south end of the lake.
4. There is a concern that the supply of irrigation water could be hampered in a scenario such as three years ago. Then, a fire knocked out some of the large pumps that draw water from behind Grand Coulee Dam into Banks Lake, which is then diverted through the project's system of canals and reservoirs. Since there have been late-season problems the last three years, this is a definite problem.
5. We will not stand idle as another example of sacrificing a rural community to the altar of Endangered Species Act goes forth. The Bureau of Reclamation cites the communities of Forks, Washington; Orofino, Idaho; and Klamath Falls, Oregon as examples of such sacrifice.
6. There have been no hearing in the Royal City community and by our signature we are requesting a public hearing before the close of the public comment. If not possible by the March 10 date, then we demand an extension of the public hearing process. Inadequate time for studying the documents and making intelligent comment has been allowed.

Signature	Printed Name	Address	Telephone	E-mail
<i>Beth Lang</i>	BETH LANG	9428 RAHNW	(509) 787-0131	
<i>D. Martell</i>	Dan Martell	820 Fairview	509 754 5144	
<i>Sandra Black</i>	Sandra Black	2498 Rd 8 NW#B	(509) 287-1010	
<i>Lisa Wiersma</i>	Lisa Wiersma	2391 7th NW	Ephrata 787-2802	
<i>Jennifer Adams</i>	Jennifer Adams	645 Mariposa Rd.	Ephrata 754-2681	
<i>Jerry White</i>	Jerry White	191 IVY St SE	Ephrata WA 754-4285	
<i>Lynn Sanders</i>	Lynn Sanders	245 F St S.W.	Ephrata WA 754-2370	
<i>Debbi Brown</i>	Debbi Brown	12061 Dodson NW	Ephrata 754-9168	
<i>Judy Witt</i>	Judy Witt	14969 Rd B5 NW	(509) 246-1949	<i>bratt@advent dwith64@advent</i>
<i>Julie Baruff</i>	Julie Baruff	5340 Martin Rd.	Ephrata 754-2684	
<i>Eligacchia</i>	ELIGACCHIA	260 J ST NE	Ephrata 754-5172	
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COMMENT IE 80

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I feel this is an unfair deal to impact so many vacationers and locals. no drawdown - Please!!  
Mildred Scheibner  
Barb 5 Coulee City - WA - 99115

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Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.

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*Just off what's more important  
people or salmon?  
This draw down certainly  
will hurt this town.  
We will have no income  
from the park - this year  
or even next year  
people will go else where.  
What a stupid idea.  
people can live without  
salmon.*

Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.

*This town can't survive  
without the income from our park.  
Rosemary Schrock*

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Please, don't lower Banks Lake. If it is lowered to many fish will be destroyed. Banks -

The town of Coulee City and others around Banks needs tourists to survive. No water. No tourist. The farms will have less water for their crops. Remember No water - less crops, No food for you and me and ~~the~~ higher prices for what we do get!!

Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.

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Lowering Banks will only  
put in  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch (if that) of water  
in the River! What good  
will that do for the Salmon?

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Diane J Shaff  
+  
Larry E Shaff

PO Box 504  
Soap Lake WA  
98851

## COMMENT IE 83

Lisa G. Smith  
1316 Brooklane St.  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Bureau of Reclamation  
C/o Jim Blanchard  
Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823

Jim Blanchard:

As a former local citizen of Coulee City, I am severely distressed to hear of the intent to draw down Banks Lake for the purpose of Salmon runs.

I have seen first-hand how this would affect just the local area. A few years ago when the lake was drawn down for dam repairs during prime tourist season, the tourism industry was virtually nonexistent. The surrounding area depends on tourism for their livelihood. Mud bogs were everywhere and mosquitoes thrived out of control. In this age where the economy is shaky at best and the West Nile virus is a concern, is drawing the lake down really the smartest action?

I have just stated a few of the flaws in this plan for the local area. But, this decision could affect several state's electrical rates and agricultural industries. Majority rules in this country. Who is more important, the "endangered" salmon, which are fished anyway, or the citizens of the Pacific Northwest?

Sincerely,



Lisa G. Smith

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## COMMENT IE 84

Thomas W. Sortomme  
368 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE  
Ephrata, WA 98823  
April 2, 2003

Dear Mr. Blanchard,

I am writing to express my opinion with regards to the proposed Banks Lake Drawdown. Based on what I have read I am opposed to the plan to drawdown Banks Lake to the 1560-foot level in August of each year. It appears that this proposal will have little to no positive impact on Salmon, and will have a large adverse impact on the economic and environmental situation of Banks Lake and the human population around it. Since the majority of the Salmon have already migrated from the Columbia River by August, it does not seem to make a lot of sense to provide additional water for their migration. Also, since we have just had two consecutive years of the largest Salmon returns on record, and Banks Lake was not reduced to assist this, it does not appear that lowering Banks Lake will provide additional benefit to the Salmon.

Thank you for allowing me to express my thoughts on this issue, and I hope that you will consider this before the final decision is made on lowering the level of Banks Lake. Again, I would like to state that I am against the proposal to lower the level of Banks Lake.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas W. Sortomme

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## COMMENT IE 85

From: gary suko <gsuko6@yahoo.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Sat, Apr 5, 2003 9:47AM  
Subject: Opposed to Banks Lake Drawdown

Dear Mr. Blanchard,

We are opposed to any drawdown of Banks Lake and other areas proposed by the Drawdown Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We feel that this is a theory and should be SCRUBBED. This past year the Salmon count was the largest recorded in a long time. As you can see The Environmentalists have spent millions on the WILD SALMON RECOVERY and have not proven a thing.

We should not sacrifice our rural communities and our livelihood by this Salmon Hoax theory.

Furthermore, We are opposed to any proposed dam removals by The Environmental Agency and it's Endangered Species Act. Please send a copy of the Final EIS to:

Gary Suko

1281 Fairway Dr Ne

Moses Lake, WA 98837

Thanks... Gary and Pat Suko Ph.766-8376

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## COMMENT IE 86



April 10, 2003

Mr. Jim Blanchard  
Special Projects Officer  
Bureau of Reclamation  
32 C Street  
Post Office Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823-0815

**Re: Banks Lake Draw down  
Grand Coulee, WA**

Dear Mr. Blanchard,

We know that Banks Lake was originally never intended for recreational use, but over the years this has continued to increase each and every year. The Bureau has done a great job managing the resources of Banks Lake and we appreciate what you and your staff have done. Craig Sprankle has been more than helpful on many occasions.

All we are asking is that you consider the economic impact to a 10' draw down on Banks Lake and what this will mean to many of the recreational users. As an owner of Sunbanks Resort on the north end of the lake we would be unable to use our current launch area. It is my understanding that Coulee City and Steamboat Rock will also not be able to use their launch facilities. The economic impact is huge.

These camping and boating destinations rely on summer tourism for economic survival. Steamboat Rock State Park is a destination for 80,000 campers per year. Sunbanks Resort brings in over 35,000 campers per year. The State of Washington has told us that Steamboat Rock is the second busiest state park in their system of 84 parks. This state park becomes a large revenue source for the entire park system. A reduction in the revenue at Steamboat Rock would mean heavy losses and possible closures in smaller parks scattered throughout the state.

Grant County alone has over 20% of the families below the poverty level. This is among the highest in the entire state. Unemployment tops 11% and currently there are signs of local businesses closing. The only growth in this entire area is tourism. The Grand Coulee Dam is one tourist attraction, but the recreation on Banks Lake has continued to attract more and more tourists each year.

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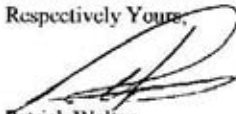
Jim Blanchard Letter,  
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We are asking in making your decision to draw down Banks Lake from 5' to 10' in the month of August, that you reconsider your options. If you must draw down Banks Lake the extra 5', a one month delay to September would help us out tremendously and save our August tourist season. Please consider the human element in making your decision and the impact this has personally on individuals and their families.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectively Yours,



Patrick Welton  
Sunbanks LTD, Owner

Cc: Gail Norton, Secretary of the Interior, Washington D.C.  
Lorie Butterly, Department of Natural Resources, Ephrata, WA  
Tim Sneed, Grant County Commissioner, Ephrata, WA

CLEVE FINNIX  
Director



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**WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

EASTERN WASHINGTON RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

220 N. Duncan Drive • Wenatchee, Washington 98801-1007 • (509) 662-0422 • (SCAN) 565-0422

May 29, 2001

Mr. Jim Blanchard, Special Projects Officer  
Bureau of Reclamation  
32 C Street, Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823

RE: Banks Lake Potential Drawdown – Initial Scoping Comments – NEPA EIS

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

The staff of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the potential increased drawdown of Banks Lake. As a major provider of recreational opportunities in the affected region, the Commission is primarily concerned about significant adverse impacts to recreation that could result from a 10-foot drawdown during the peak use season.

Scoping documents should consider the following issues for further analysis in the NEPA EIS:

**1. Recreational Impacts:** A drawdown of 5-feet (normal operating range of the reservoir) would not have a significant impact on the operation of Steamboat Rock State Park and other recreational facilities that State Parks currently provides on Banks Lake under agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. A drawdown of 10-feet would create conditions that would cause two boat launch lanes at Steamboat Rock State Park to become unusable. Likewise, the two launch lanes at Northrup Point would also become unusable. The use of the launch lane at Osborn Bay would be questionable. The primitive launch at Jones Bay would become unusable. The swim beach and the boat-in sites at Steamboat Rock State Park may also be adversely impacted.

**2. Economic Impacts:** A 10-foot drawdown occurring in the peak recreational use month of August, could have an adverse impact on attendance at the State Park facilities, where most of the use is water-dependent and/or water-oriented. This, in turn, would have a negative impact on revenue generated by fees at the affected parks, reducing the funds available to operate these facilities. There could be secondary economic impacts to the local communities. That loss to the local economy can be estimated at \$30 per person per day.

**3. Biological Impacts:** The biological impacts of an annual drawdown of this magnitude should be considered. Would changes in shoreline riparian and wetland areas (due to drying) adversely impact federally listed plant or wildlife species? Would changes in elevation of wind and wave erosion increase sedimentation/erosion rates - adversely impacting aquatic habitats? How would the estuary at Northrup Creek be affected? Would an increased drawdown increase the potential for increased noxious weed invasions? Would there be an adverse effect on the

roosting colony of bats near the mouth of Northrup Canyon? How would recreational fisheries be affected, including impacts to shallow-water aquatic habitat in Osborn, Crooks, and Jones Bay?

4. Impacts to Utilities: A 10-foot drawdown will result in a greater exposure of the power line laid on the lakebed that feeds Steamboat Rock State Park, increasing the potential for damage by the public and deterioration from climatic exposure.

5. Impacts to Cultural Resources: A 10-foot drawdown could result in a greater exposure of cultural resources, increasing the potential for looting and loss of site integrity.

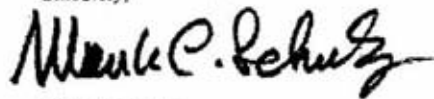
6. Aesthetic Impacts: Would the "bathtub-ring" effect caused by a 10-foot drawdown have a negative aesthetic impact, causing recreationists to relocate to other, more scenic areas?

7. Hydrologic Impacts: Would a 10-foot drawdown cause a shift in the hydrologic regime (both surface and groundwater) creating an adverse effect on the emergent and scrub-shrub wetlands at not only Banks Lake, but also at Sun Lakes State Park? Would ground water wells in the area be negatively affected?

If you have any questions on any of the above, please feel welcome to contact Jim Harris, Regional Manager at (509) 663-9717 or myself at (509) 662-0418.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,



Mark C. Schulz  
Regional Environmental Specialist

Cc: William C. Jolly, Manager, Environmental Program  
Dr. Robert Fimbel, Chief, Resources Stewardship Program  
Jim Harris, Regional Manager, Basetsu Region  
Tom Poplawski, Manager, Steamboat Rock



## COMMENT IE 87

Arnold J. Theisen  
P.O. Box 755  
Irrigon, OR 97844

March 17, 2003

Jim Blanchard  
Bureau of Reclamation  
32 C Street, P.O. Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823-0815

Dear Mr. Blanchard,

I am opposed to the drawdown of Banks Lake for a number of reasons.

It is time to stop putting the interests of fish ahead of the interests of people. Salmon are a valuable resource, but people are more important. The drawdown would have an adverse impact on many people living in the area and many others who visit the area for recreation. The minimal and dubious benefit to a few salmon is not worth the cost and disruption to those people's lives.

The potential harm to introduced species of fish should be factored into the equation. Introduced species like walleye, bass, and crappie represent a much more important fishery than they are credited for. We should not be killing these fish to save salmon. I am aware of the old argument that native species are more important than introduced species, but I don't buy it.

Banks Lake was never built to save salmon. It was built to serve as the basis for irrigating the Columbia Basin and it has done that mission admirably. Without the Grand Coulee Dam and Banks Lake this region would still be an arid dustbowl. Flushing that water down the Columbia River represents a gross misuse of a public resource that came to the taxpayers at great cost.

The regional and national economy is already in bad shape and destined to get worse by the ravages of war. Wasting water will simply aggravate an already bad situation. That water should be used to irrigate crops and promote a thriving tourism industry. It should not be flushed down the river to promote a dubious scientific endeavor that may or may not benefit a few salmon.

Sincerely,



Arnold J. Theisen

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BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
P.O. BOX 815  
EPHRATA, WASHINGTON 98823

APRIL 9, 2003

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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*Adam Throneberry*  
Adam Throneberry  
1209 Jefferson Ave  
Moses Lake, WA  
98837

## COMMENT IE 89

From: jrgold@nwi.net  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Fri, Apr 11, 2003 11:45AM  
Subject: Banks lake drawdown

We do not believe a draw down of Banks Lake is a benefit to fish. Un till it is a proven fact we should not waste water at a time of potential drought. Until we stop catching endangered species we ought not put others in economic distress.

The E.S.A.seems to be a means to destroy rural America and job security for government employees. We protect species that feed on other protected species.

John & Ruth Umberger  
1639 Hwy 153  
Methow, WA 98834  
509-923-2354

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## COMMENT IE 90

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Jim Vordahl  
Ewells Trailer Park  
516 W. Walnut  
PO Box 535  
Coulee City Wa  
99115

Dear Mr. Blanchard

I am the owner of a small Trailer Park, here in Coulee City, and have two items of concern regarding the Banks Lake draw down.

First, as this will impact a large part of my summer income, are there any plans to help the local businesses?

Second, the last time the Lake was drawn down 2 years in a row, the Mosquito population exploded.

And as the West Nile Virus has been reported in this state, are there any plans to help the local Mosquito Control District?

I would appreciate your thoughts on this.

Thank you  
Jim Vordahl

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## COMMENT IE 91

From: "Dan Voss" <vossfarms@pocketinet.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Mon, Mar 24, 2003 9:21AM  
Subject: BANKS LAKE PROPOSED DRAWDOWN: COMMENT

Voss Farms hereby supports the South Columbia Irrigation District's (SCID) opposition to the proposed drawdown of Banks Lake to divert water for the purpose of increasing Columbia River flows in an attempt to "help Snake River stragglers" (Jim Ruff, NOAA biologist).

The original planners of the Columbia Basin Project did not arbitrarily designate Banks Lake operational levels. Any change in flow could seriously damage crops and farm income especially during the hot months of August and September. Any return to normal flow after September would be of absolutely no consequence to irrigation as the canals here are emptied in October in any case.

We have over 900 acres irrigated pursuant to interruptible water service contracts. The SCIB director told us that our water supply could be interrupted as a result of this proposed drawdown. Our family farm would not survive a water interruption and we have been farming here since 1955.

Dan Voss.

cc: Director, SCID

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I work as the city superintendent for the town of Coulee, Coulee City. Aside from the loss of Park revenue which would be extensive, the loss of overall tourism dollars to the town would be devastating.

Rod Webster  
PO Box 398  
Coulee City WA 99115

Feel free to use back of form or attach a separate piece of paper.

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## COMMENT IE 93

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**rjwest**

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**From:** "rjwest" <west@fidalgo.net>  
**To:** <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2003 1:52 PM  
**Subject:** Banks Lake Drawdown

Dear Mr. Blanchard,

Please do not allow the ten foot drawdown at Banks Lake! This recreation area is a vital part of the town of Coulee City not only for summer activities but for economic income due to tourism.

Many campers travel to that area and thoroughly enjoy this pleasant park at the edge of Banks Lake as well as the boating and fishing opportunities it provides.

I no longer live there but it is my home town and we frequently visit family there and quite often walk along the bank of the lake and enjoy watching the birds and animals that live there. I cannot imagine seeing this as a big mudflat in August and September. Is this wildlife any less important than the salmon? Are the children of this area (including my grandchildren) any less important? Swimming at the lake in Coulee City is a large part of summer activities for children in this small town. Would you deny them that? The town does not have a public pool so there is not another option.

Please rethink the plan to draw the lake down!

Sincerely,

June M. West

*June M. West  
3720 W. 4th  
Anacortes, WA  
98221*

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## COMMENT IE 94

Mr. Jim Blanchard  
Special Projects Officer  
Bureau of Reclamation  
P. O. Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823-0815  
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April 6, 2003

Dear Mr. Blanchard,

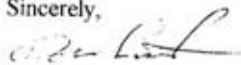
I oppose the drawdown of Banks Lake.

This foolish proposal would further degrade the economy of Grant County. To lower Banks Lake – at the height of the tourist season - would endanger many small businesses, who depend on the summer tourist trade. This drawdown would also lower the income derived from the Irrigation Districts power generating facilities. This loss would have to be paid by the Columbia Basin Project farmers.

The perch and silver fisheries would take a beating , should the drawdown occur at this time of the year. The last couple of years, we have had salmon coming out of our ears; yet some biologist comes up with a plan, founded in junk science, to wreak havoc on Grant County, without any proven benefits for the salmon.

If the Snake River Salmon need more water – get it from the Snake River.

Sincerely,



Don White  
32487 Moore Rd NE  
Coulee City, WA 99115

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BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
P.O. BOX 815  
EPHRATA, WASHINGTON 98823

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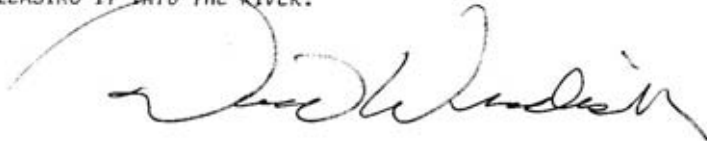
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COMMENT IE 96

From: <Wewollard@cs.com>  
 To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
 Date: Tue, Mar 18, 2003 6:53PM  
 Subject: Banks Drawdoown

My friends, family and myself, a total of 35 to 40 people, have been going to Banks Lake for recreation since 1973 every year and mostly in the month of August. My wife and I liked it so much we bought 5 acres and built a house there to use for recreation. I am sure we won't have many people coming over to enjoy the lake if it is 10 feet low, as where we go will be a big mud flat.

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I read the EIS and nowhere was there any proof, or conjecture for that matter, that this drawdown would help any endangered salmon. Which leads me to believe this whole drill is to make it appear the NMFS is doing something even if they don't know if it will help the salmon. Also I think the NMFS has way to much authority with nobody to answer to about what they do to other peoples rights and quality of life in the name of saving the fish.

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I saw no thought given to alternatives for other ways of obtaining more water, like lowering Roosevelt less than a foot or lakes in B.C. or Idaho and the Snake River Lakes which have little or no recreation or economic impact. The only alternatives were which part of Aug. they would lower Banks with my preference being the last 10 days. Also it sounded like raising the level back to 1570' in the first 10 days of Sept. is just a pipe dream as there is always a shortage of water or power at that time of the year for an excuse.

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I think is great to take comments from people like me but I hope this is not just another way to let people vent their feelings to make them feel better but the decision has already been made as happens way to often.

Wayne Wollard  
 Monroe, WA

CC: <Amn3546@aol.com>, <rlbsmith@bossig.com>

## COMMENT IE 97

From: "Chris Hesse" <chesse@lemasterdaniels.com>  
To: <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
Date: Fri, Mar 7, 2003 1:30PM  
Subject: Banks Lake drawdown

Mr. Blanchard,

I had previously commented over a year ago at the public meeting held in the Coulee City High School gym about the devastating effects that a month-long drawdown would have on the Coulee City community. I re-emphasize that opinion here and now.

Rural communities have benefitted from the government investment in infrastructure. Over the last five decades, tourism has become a major component of the Coulee City economy built around fishing and other recreation on Banks Lake. Because tourists spend dollars in Coulee City, the community continues to exist and provide benefits to the local, rural residents. Retail stores exist because of the tourism dollars that are spent. Jobs exist because the stores exist. Sufficient numbers of citizens may economically reside in Coulee City because the economy has built up around this infrastructure. The school is large enough to provide diversified education to the children of the residents.

Government should not now take that away from the community. By drawing down the water level of Banks Lake during the peak tourist season, the government is sending the message that tourists can forget about Coulee City as a destination for their fishing or recreational vacations in the month of August, and probably September. Banks Lake cannot afford another five feet of reduction in the lake level.

There has been no scientific data establishing that the additional flow from Banks Lake is needed in order to enhance fish traffic at McNary Dam. At this point, the government is merely speculating that this might be of assistance. First, the government must take into account the economic effects on communities before making such decisions. Second, the government must compare the economic costs against the scientific data (not mere speculation) of how the fish may benefit from the enhanced flows. To my knowledge, the government has performed neither of these necessary steps.

Christopher W. Hesse, CPA  
480 North Frontage Road E.  
Moses Lake, WA 98837

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**COMMENT IE 98**

From: Brian Meiners <BMeiners@baf.com>  
 To: "jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov" <jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov>  
 Date: Thu, Apr 10, 2003 9:20AM  
 Subject: Banks Lake Drawdown

I am opposed to the proposed drawdown of Banks Lake. The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) states, "The purpose of the proposed action is to enhance the probability of meeting flow objectives in the Columbia River at McNary Dam during the juvenile out-migration of ESA-listed salmonid stocks.." (italics added). The 130,000 acre feet of water from Banks Lake in late summer represents no more than a probability of meeting flow objectives. In other words, the need for the Banks Lake water is speculation, not established fact.

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The proposed timing of the drawdown in late summer is peak tourism season in the area. Local economies will be adversely impacted particularly Coulee City as the water level in the lake will make all boat launches south of Grand Coulee inaccessible. This is an unacceptable result of a speculative action.

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The drawdown threatens agricultural viability in the Columbia Basin by setting a dangerous precedent. This is of particular concern to me as an employee of Basic American Foods, a potato processor in the Basin for the past 38 years. The diversion of water from Banks Lake (an agriculture irrigation reservoir) to a use that is speculative in the value it will bring to juvenile fish survival opens the way for irrigation water curtailment, particularly in low river flow years. This precedent-setting drawdown of a reservoir in the Columbia Basin Reclamation Project portends a disregard for the value of agriculture in the Columbia Basin. As demonstration of this value, it is noteworthy that the Columbia Basin produces more tons/acre of potatoes than any other growing region in the world. According to a study done by Washington State University in 1996, the potato industry alone directly and indirectly generates over \$3 billion of sales throughout the Washington State economy. It is poor policy to implement practices that threaten such vibrant economic activity, especially when the policy is not backed by sound scientific data.

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Brian Meiners  
 105 Schilling Drive  
 Moses Lake, WA 98837

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## COMMENT IE 99

15 April 2003

Bureau of Reclamation  
P. O. Box 815  
Ephrata, WA 98823

RE: Banks Lake Drawdown

Dear Bureau of Reclamation:

The Washington State Potato Commission recently paid for a full page advertisement in the TriCity Herald (9 April, 2003) regarding a proposed release of 130,000 acre feet of water from Banks Lake into the Columbia River later this summer, and that release's effect on Washington State potato industry.

Respectfully, I offer two observations:

1. The fish were here first, and anything we can do to insure their continued survival, we need to be doing, including releasing 130,000 acre feet of water from Banks Lake.
2. We live in a desert. The nature of deserts is that they tend to be places with very little irrigation water, and just because someone decides they want to grow potatoes in a desert, and/or have grown potatoes in a desert doesn't mean they always get to do so.

Sincerely,



Judith R. Warner Ph.D.  
62407 N. 68, PR NW  
Benton City, WA 99320

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Petitions received without letters follow.

**\*\*\*\*\*BANKS LAKE DRAWDOWN PETITION \*\*\*\*\*  
FARMERS - FISHERMAN PLEASE TAKE NOTICE & SIGN**

Feb. 22, 2003

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