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Usually the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the PUD offices, 2345 River Road. The public is always welcome.

Our Mission

To provide reliable, competitively-priced energy and related services that benefit our customers, in the tradition of public power.

Our Core Values and Beliefs

Local citizens championed and fought to create our People's Utility District. They believed—and we believe—in the public's right to own and control its electric utility.

Today, our values are a legacy from our public power heritage, as well as guideposts for a changing future. We believe in:

- *Public ownership and local control.*
- *Integrity.*
- *Keeping power rates as low as possible.*
- *Providing quality essential services.*
- *Quality customer service.*
- *Community involvement.*

Manager's Report



Dear Customers – Our Friends and Our Neighbors,
We would like to share with you some information from a recent public opinion poll conducted for Northwest RiverPartners. This non-profit is a partnership of organizations who benefit from the Northwest's greatest natural resource, the Columbia and Snake Rivers. The poll, conducted in February 2009 by Davis, Hibbitts & Midghall, Inc. of Portland, surveyed 700 registered voters

in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Voters continue to identify electric power generation and irrigation as the most important uses of the Columbia and Snake River waterways. Eighty-eight percent of respondents understand that hydropower is a renewable resource. Nearly 80 percent believe that Congress and state legislatures should include hydro as a renewable source when they consider legislation.

Nearly 70 percent of those surveyed said that wind power—while a good idea—could not be counted on to replace electricity from dams.

While calls for breaching dams tend to get a lot of attention, RiverPartners has never seen evidence of any real public support for the idea. Respondents to the poll said improving habitat, helping fish around dams, managing predators like sea lions and birds, and harvest reduction (in that order) are the best ways to help salmon. Only six percent said removing dams is a factor.

When asked whether the region should make the decision to remove dams or whether they consider dam removal to be an extreme solution, a whopping 71 percent of respondents said it is an extreme solution.

The poll measured the region's view of moving forward quickly to implement the new salmon recovery plan (BiOp) for the Columbia and Snake Rivers. Fifty-four percent favored implementing the plan which Judge Redden is reviewing.

The poll tells us that people understand the dam removal is an extreme idea that would be economically devastating. RiverPartners need your help in spreading the good word with legislators and other decision and policy makers. Full survey results and other information that can to help us have a positive impact on salmon, climate and economic issues can be found on their website, www.nwriverpartners.org.

Until next time, have a great day.

Dwight Langer
General Manager

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