

Salmon, Steelhead, Taxes & Dams



Monday August 1st, 2016 @ 6:15 PM

The Community Campus, Hailey, ID

On Monday evening, August 1st, Jim Waddell will be delivering a compelling presentation on why the four Lower Snake River dams must be breached. New light will be cast on the 2002 Feasibility Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers. That report evaluates three non-breach alternatives and one breach alternative. Data corrections to the 2002 EIS identified by several recent economic reports developed by Earth Economics of Tacoma will also be shared. When these analyses are framed within the context of threatened and endangered salmon, steelhead and endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales, they become an extremely relevant motivator for dam breaching in the immediate future and present a win-win-win opportunity for Idahoans.

About the presenter:

Jim Waddell, retired civil engineer from the Army Corps of Engineers, was Deputy District Engineer for Programs at the Walla Walla District during the 2002 EIS study. His spontaneous statements made about the dams at a community meeting in 2011 are featured in the 2014 documentary movie DamNation. Since then he has been working to shine a light on data from the 2002 EIS, and to correct erroneous assumptions made then. He is in a unique position to know the details and the story behind that report and the folly that has followed.