

Congress Members Prompt for Public Forum

Hello everyone and thank you for coming today. Your Congress Members have convened this meeting to hear the public opinion regarding the 4 scenarios proposed regarding breaching the Lower Snake River Dams. You have been invited because you represent a diverse group of Americans who have varied interests with regard to the Lower Snake River Dams.

As a reminder, the following scenarios are being examined today:

Scenario 1: Scenario 1: Breach all four dams

Scenario 2: Breach two of the lower dams

Scenario 3: Leave the dams in place and restrict fisheries further

Scenario 4: Don't change anything

It is our goal to hear your concerns and try to come up with a solution that will help protect your interests and balance the needs of the Columbia River ecosystem. Let's begin the forum by going around the circle and having each one of you introduce yourselves by stating your name and your role in the community. Then state which scenario you support and explain why you support it. Also express any concerns you may have about other scenarios. After everyone has spoken, we will open up the discussion for clarifying questions from members of the public and from the members of congress who may want to better understand your concerns. During this meeting the members of Congress will be observing and making notes on your concerns for use in their deliberation. Please remember to be courteous to each other and to respect each other's opinions even if they are vastly different from your own. Yelling, arguing, and emotional outbursts are grounds for dismissal from this public forum.

Thank you and let's begin. (Choose a member of the public to begin).