# 500,000 Spring Chinook?

The science is clear: the single-biggest obstacle to recovering healthy populations of Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead is the four dams on the lower Snake River. One year ago, Congressman Mike Simpson (R-ID) unveiled his groundbreaking proposal: to remove these costly dams, replace their modest services, and make big investments in Northwest communities. Restoring this historic river is the single, most beneficial thing we can do to increase wild and hatchery returns. Fishermen have an unprecedented window of opportunity in 2022. Failure to act this year will result in the extinction of several Columbia Basin stocks. We can't afford to wait any longer.

Long-term studies indicate spring chinook returns to the mouth of the Columbia could exceed 1,000,000 with good ocean conditions. Even during periods of poor ocean conditions, scientists predict returns of as many as 250,000! Join these leaders

and thousands of other passionate salmon and steelhead anglers that support a comprehensive regional solution that removes these costly dams and invests in our communities. Educate yourself on the facts and plans initiated by Congressman Simpson. There's no need for anyone to lose. We can revitalize fishing economies from Idaho to Alaska and all points in-between.

ACT NOW: Contact your U.S. Senators – Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell in Washington, and Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden in Oregon. Let them know you support restoring the Snake River and its imperiled salmon and steelhead populations. Your voice counts!

Sign our Sportsmen's Petition at nsiafishing.org/investnw and learn more at Isrdoptions.org



#### **BUZZ RAMSEY**

"Salmon define the boundaries of the Pacific Northwest and they are in trouble, especially on the Snake River, where 70 percent of the habitat in the Columbia Basin remains. Join me and the many others that want, demand really, the action needed to restore these fish to abundance."



"Extinction is NOT AN OPTION! I've built a lifetime of memories on Snake River salmon and steelhead and these fish are in real trouble, needing real solutions. We MUST recover these fish now, before they are lost forever!"



#### DAVE VEDDER OUTDOOR WRITER

"Wild steelhead are a Northwest icon and are part of the legacy left to us by our forefathers. We have a moral duty to protect them for our grandchildren." BOB REES FISHING GUIDE Without robust returns of Snake River salmon sport fisheries throughout the NW are destined for failure. We

need a strong recovery plan

now.

#### ASHLEY NICHOLE LEWIS

"Snake River salmon have a cultural, social and economic significance for me. We won't sit on the sidelines and watch these iconic species go extinct, we need our elected leaders to take action now!"









### Take Action Now! Contact Oregon's U.S. Senators Merkley and Wyden and Washington's U.S. Senators Cantwell and Murray and let them know you support removing these dams. Your voice counts! You can contact them online through their website at merkley.senate.gov, wyden.senate.gov, cantwell.senate.gov and murray.senate.gov.

## **There's a solution!**